

Ouster of Camacho from IPP probe team sought

STORY
BELOW,
COLUMN 1

WHAT'S INSIDE

- Batangas Entry wins Prieto Cup SPORTS/ A22
- Strengthening peso worries exporters BUSINESS/ B1
- Rebels hunt killers ACROSS/ A15

e-mail: feedback@inquirer.com.ph



Monday, May 13, 2002 ★ 78 pages / 6 sections / vol.17 / no. 154 P15

They came, saw, but didn't stay

NAVAL, Biliran—They came, they saw, but they didn't stay. Two military generals arrived in this capital town early

THEY/A18



website: www.inq7.net

Jovy: Marcos loot witness credible

By Donna S. Cueto

"CREDIBLE," former Senate President Jovito Salonga said of the information offered by a Canadian-Welsh witness that Credit Suisse secretly transferred as much as \$400 million in Marcos funds to Liechtenstein a day before a Swiss court ordered a freeze on Marcos deposits in 1986.

The new witness, identified only as Madame Z, learned about the fund transfer when she was employed with KPMG Fides in Switzerland in 1996-97. Fides, the predecessor of her firm, KPMG Fides, was part of the Credit Suisse Group.

"In 1986, there was a leak that the Swiss Federal Council would issue an order seizing the Marcos funds. Before the court-ordered freeze went into effect, Fides worked through the night to transfer the funds, approximately (US)\$400 million, to a 'black' Credit Suisse subsidiary, Limag AG, in Liechtenstein," the witness' initial proffer presented to the Philippine government said.

But Salonga, first chair of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, said yesterday that "the correct amount is at least \$800 million."

In a statement, Salonga said former first lady Imelda Marcos admitted on March 26, 1998 to the Associated Press and the Agence France Presse that "there is more money that the government is not yet aware of, but for the time being, I can admit that there is only \$800 million in various international banks."

The wire reports were carried by major local dailies the following day.

Salonga, however, could not

JOVY/A18

Madame Z stood up to powerful

By Donna S. Cueto

WHO is Madame Z?

She is a Canadian-English solicitor and barrister, and citizen of both Canada and Austria, who has degrees in Literature, Human Rights and International Law.

Her taking on KPMG and Credit Suisse in connection with the Marcos case is her second time to stand up to the powerful in Europe.

In 1996, she exposed Treuhandburo, Norbert Seeger in Liechtenstein, where she had previously worked as lawyer and fiduciary (trustee) for five years.

She complained to Liechtenstein authorities that Seeger was financing the trafficking of body parts and blood from Russia. A Russian Mafia was killing street children so their body parts could be sold in Germany, Switzerland, the United States, Greece and Portugal via Liechtenstein.

She based her complaint on documents showing Seeger's involvement in the illegal trade.

MADAME/A18



VAL HANDUMON

CROWNING GLORY

President Macapagal crowns the image of the Our Lady of the Abandoned during the eucharistic celebration of a parish in Sta. Elena, Marikina City.

Camacho ouster from IPP probe sought

VARIOUS groups yesterday called for the replacement of Finance Secretary Isidro Camacho as head of an inter-agency committee reviewing government contracts with independent power producers (IPPs), saying he was not doing his job.

Other legislators also called for a comprehensive audit of the

operations of the IPPs, as well as the creation of an independent commission that would examine these allegedly onerous contracts.

Under these contracts, the National Power Corp. is committed to buy power from the IPPs at a very steep price. Napocor passes this cost to distribution utilities, like Manila

Electric Co., which in turn passes this to consumers through the purchased power adjustment (PPA) charge, bloating their monthly electric bills.

President Macapagal-Arroyo last week directed Napocor to reduce its PPA charge from P1.25 per kilowatt-hour to P0.40. But consumer groups are still unhappy, saying her short-

term solution does not address the issue of the allegedly inequitable contracts.

The President has directed the inter-agency committee to speed up its review of Napocor's \$10 billion worth of contracts with the IPPs.

Even so, groups led by the Freedom from Debt Coalition

CAMACHO/A19

Power rate cut trade-off to ensure stable regime

By Amando Doronila

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo's order to the National Power Corp. to suspend its collection of the PPA (purchased power adjustment) charge translates into a hefty cut in electric bills for consumers

for which the public will pay dearly in the long term by the rise in government debt.

In this respect, the decision is merely a postponement of pain—a decision that represents a cave-in to populist demands in the face of the President's loss of popularity.

The decision is a response to union demands on Labor Day to reduce power rates in exchange

for her rejection of calls for wage increases.

The PPA is an automatic cost recovery scheme designed by Napocor, in conjunction with distribution companies, including Meralco, to cover fluctuations in fuel prices, power costs and foreign exchange adjustments.

The suspension of the PPA until a universal charge is determined would reduce Napocor's selling price for electricity to the utilities companies by as much as P0.85 per kilowatt-hour.

The President said that for end-users consuming 200 kwh per month (the non-commercial users), the reduction in PPA

POWER/A18

ANALYSIS

Scandal again hounds family of LA priest

By Cristina Arzadon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LAOAG CITY—"Is it really necessary to bring all these things up again?" asked the brother of a Filipino priest who was implicated in the alleged sexual abuse of a would-be nun in a Los Angeles diocese almost 20 years ago.

If Dr. Eddie Tamayo, younger brother of the late Fr. Santiago Tamayo Jr., would have had his way, he would have kept the

"painful" memories in 1983 tucked away somewhere.

But the string of sex scandals plaguing the Catholic Church seemed to have reopened old wounds that had hounded the Tamayo family for years.

Father Tamayo had admitted and apologized for his sexual liaison with Rita Milla, then a 16-year-old aspiring nun at the St. Philomena Church in Carson City in California.

SCANDAL/A6



JOAN BONDOR

AWARD-WINNING

Rosanna Roces breaks into tears as she and Assunta de Rossi are declared winners of the Best Actress Award by the Urian. (Story in Metro, Page A25.)

Second FRONT PAGE

RP, Malaysia hold naval war games

KUALA LUMPUR—Hundreds of security personnel and a few warships from Malaysia and neighboring Philippines began Sunday a six-day military exercise to wipe out terror activities such as piracy.

The naval maneuver along their common waters is being conducted in Sulu Sea off Malaysia's eastern Sabah state on Borneo island where piracy, illegal fishing using bombs, hijacking and smuggling are rampant.

"The purpose of the annual maritime exercise is to prevent illegal activities and to stop entry of Filipino illegal immigrants," First Admiral Noor Aziz Yunan, maritime director of the Malaysian navy, told AFP.

Up to half a million Filipinos live in Sabah, many of them having entered illegally to work in the resources-rich territory. Malaysia has deported thousands of Filipinos in recent months.

The exercise, which ends on May 17, is the seventh Malaysia-Philippines joint maritime coordinated border patrol, codenamed "Phimal V11/2002."

Malaysia is to deploy two patrol vessels along with patrol craft of the marine police and customs department.

Noor Aziz said some 500 personnel from both countries would participate in the exercise.

The Philippines would deploy one navy patrol vessel and two gunboats, officials said.

The joint exercise would also pro-

vide security personnel an opportunity to exchange and share intelligence, Noor Aziz said.

On Tuesday, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines sealed a trilateral security pact in a bid to bolster cooperation to combat terrorism and cross-border crime in the region. AFP

A statement issued by Malaysia said a framework would be estab-

lished for "closer and more intensive collaboration" to combat transnational crimes, cross-border illegal activities and terrorism.

"The agreement covers various transnational crimes such as terrorism, money-laundering, smuggling, drug trafficking, hijacking, intrusion, illegal entry, illegal trafficking of women and children, and piracy," it said. AFP



Extending US troops' stay sought

A RANKING military official said yesterday he would recommend extending the stay of United States combat engineers involved in construction projects as part of the counter-terrorism exercise in Basilan.

Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Teodosio, co-director of

the Balikatan 02-1 joint exercises with the US, said the construction projects timed for the final two months of the exercise may not be completed because of anticipated delays from the approaching rainy season.

"I'm just anticipating (that there would be a need for an extension) because it seems that the rainy season will arrive early this year and it will definitely delay the completion of the engineering projects," Teodosio told defense reporters.

He said he was in Basilan early yesterday and it rained so hard the roads were turned into muddy tracks.

A US engineering battalion has been deployed to complement the 660 US Special Forces that are training Filipino troops in anti-terrorism tactics.

The six-month exercise is scheduled to end by late July.

The 340 US Marine engineers and Navy Seabees were sent in April to carry out projects to help troop movements, including constructing ports, digging wells, improving roads and clearing an unused airstrip in Basilan.

Aside from training Filipino troops, the joint exercise is aimed at recovering a US hostages couple, Martin and Gracia Burnham, and Filipino nurse Ediborah Yap from the Abu Sayyaf bandit group.

The three have been held for almost a year now and the operation has yet to yield positive results. Martin P. Marfil

Viet fishing boat held; 11 arrested

COAST Guard officers boarded a Vietnamese-flagged fishing vessel near the sea border with Malaysia and detained 11 crewmen for poaching and illegal entry, the coastguard said yesterday.

The vessel was intercepted off Taganak island near Sabah state on Thursday, a coastguard report said. The crew had no travel papers and their nationalities were unknown. Half a ton of shark meat was found on the vessel, the coastguard said. AFP

Troops nab Abu man who guarded Schilling

GOVERNMENT troops have arrested on Thursday a member of the Abu Sayyaf in Bongao town in Tawi-tawi province, officials said yesterday.

Army intelligence agents arrested Muhammad Taib Amil who posed as a gasoline station attendant, a military report said.

The military said Amil was a member of the custodial force guarding American Jeffrey Schilling who was held hostage by the Abu Sayyaf last year. Reports from Martin P. Marfil and AFP

Traveling in appreciation of GOD's beautiful & bountiful creations

EUROPE MARIAN PILGRIMAGE
USS 1,999.00 / Dep: 08 SEP

SYDNEY & GOLDCOAST
USS 875.00

3 DAYS BORACAY P 8,037.00
with Airfare, Breakfast, Transfers Plus Island Boat with Lunch

HONG KONG-SHENZHEN BEIJING
USS 560.00 7 Days • Dep: June 01 & 15

SHANGHAI - BEIJING
USS 930.00

PIRKKO & TROY TOURS, INC.
U-218 City & Land Mega Plaza,
420 Ave. One Star, Cebu City, Cebu City
Tel: 688-8658 • 688-8846 • 687-2694 Fax: 688-8846
E-mail: anytour@pirkko.ph

Improve Your BUSINESS... Upgrade Your PHONE!

Prices from P 2,000 up to P 3,800

Call for FREE DEMO!

EverTel

WELCOME DEALERS

PABX 4-Line Interphone

2-Way Radio

Call for FREE DEMO!

Call for FREE DEMO!

Call for FREE DEMO!

BAGUIO TOWNHOMES

"OWN A VACATION HOME IN THIS FIRST CLASS, AFFORDABLE SUBDIVISION WITH BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE & FAMOUS CELEBRITIES AS YOUR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS"

REGAL - LEXBER HOMES

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 08-49-001

EASY PAYMENT SCHEMES UP TO 4 YRS. TO PAY AT NO INTEREST FOR AS LOW AS P15,800.00 MONTHLY AMORTIZATION

FOR INQUIRIES PLEASE CALL LEXBER Realty Mgt. & Mktg. 3723206, 3742584, 4108367 to 69, 3719702 to 04

WEBSITE: www.lexber.com EMAIL: alexis@lexber.com

COPYSTAR OFFICE AUTOMATION

GET SHREDDER FOR EVERY PURCHASE OF COPIER

Introducing **CLEAR POWDER COPIER**

IRICOH FT 3320 for only **P16,000**

IRICOH FT 3313/3313 **P22,000**

REDUCER / ENLARGER

ALSO AVAILABLE: THERMAL BINDER

LAMINATOR SHREDDER RING BINDER

P3,800 P2,200 P8,000

Other copiers also available:

FT 3313, FT 4018, FT 4418

FT 4421, FT 4220, FT 4222

SALES: 899-7101 up to 04 / 899-7045 • 899-7075 to 76 • 899-7023

MAIN OFFICE: COPYSTAR Bldg. 948 J. P. Rizal Ave., near corner Makati Ave., Makati City

Fax: 895-7802 • CEBU OFFICE: 178 Sansilangko St., Cebu City • 255-0504 • 255-3368 to 69

PAMPANGA: McArthur Hwy., Dolores San. Fdo., Pampanga • 963-5055 to 59 • Fax: 963-5059

Let's make impressions

Spot the difference between two realities.

Panasonic LCD Projector

Introducing the latest technology that made the synthesis between mobility and style possible. It's packed with all the smart features of an LCD projector yet uncompromising to lightness and performance. An ultra-compact body that makes high resolution and brightness a wonder for something so small yet so powerful. Ideal in making impressions. Perfect for presentation.

PT-LC50E

700 ANSI lumens

With the brightness of 700 ANSI Lumens, that's equivalent to another brand's 1000 ANSI Lumens... only crisp.

cosmotec Head Office: #19 Binay cor., Finlandia Sts., Makati City, Philippines

Tel. Nos.: (0632) 894-3678, 889-4734, 843-4527 e-mail: cosmotec@cel.com.ph

WATATIME RECORDERS

P8,995

P12,850

Other models: P10,500 P12,995 P13,200

Sole Distributor:

COLENT ENTERPRISE CO.

Suite 200 2/F, Del Monte Mansion Bldg., Del Monte Ave. cor. Speaker Perez St., Quezon City Tel Nos. 740-3815, 411-2395 to 98, 411-7157, 412-4317, 414-9890, 742-8139 Fax No. 411-2399

HONGKONG **PROMO FARES TO:**

4D Hong Kong \$185

4D Bangkok 239

4D Singapore 265

4D Tokyo 409

4D Osaka 395

4D Seoul 370

4D Singapore Package \$338

7D Bangkok/Pattaya Singapore/Malaysia/Indonesia \$538

5D Canton/Shenzhen/Hongkong \$288

6D Macau/Zhuhai/Shenzhen/HK \$298

6D Macau/Zhuhai/Beijing/Shanghai/Hongzhou/Shenzhen/Hongkong \$418

10D Three Gorges Yangtze River Cruise - World's Super Dam Site \$568

10D \$828

UNION TRAVEL & TOURS

525-3034 or 45

524-8609 or 10

524-3943 or 44

525-3039

E-mail: uniontravel@earthlink.net

PTAA TA-308

MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT

HAND PALLET TRUCK

POWER PALLET TRUCK

TABLE LIFTER (21' LAYER)

MANUAL STACKER

TABLE LIFTER (1 LAYER)

SCISSOR PALLET TRUCK

LEVELING RAMP

MAGIC DRUM LIFTER

SEMI ELECTRIC STACKER

HYDRAULIC TAIL GATE LIFT

WALKER STACKER

PERSONNEL LIFT (SCISSOR TYPE)

PERSONNEL BOOM LIFTER

EIB TECHNOLOGY PHILS., INC.

813-3449 / 815-1162

EIB TECHNOLOGY PHILS., INC.

813-3449 / 815-1162

PALAWAN **8888.00**

DAILY DEP. 4D/3N VIA AIR PHIL / ASIAWORLD HOTEL

HONGKONG **245**

DAILY DEP. 4 DAYS/3 NITES VIA PAL

MACAU **273**

TUES/SAT DEP. 4 DAYS/3 NITES VIA AIR MACAU

BANGKOK **249**

DAILY DEP. 4 DAYS/3 NITES VIA TG625/PAL/LH

BKK/PATTAYA **283**

DAILY DEP. 4 DAYS/3 NITES VIA TG625/PAL/LH

BKK/PATTAYA/RAYONG **329**

DAILY DEP. 4 DAYS/3 NITES VIA TG625/PAL/LH

SINGAPORE **299** **318**

FREE AND EASY PACKAGES

4D/3N VIA SQ/PAL

4D/3N VIA SQ/PAL

FREE CHOICES OF ANY TWO ADMISSION SINGAPORE ATTRACTIONS TICKET OR MEALS

SIN/MALAYSIA/INDONESIA **363**

DAILY DEP. 4Days/3Nites VIA SQ/PAL

SAIGON **313**

3 Days/2 Nites VIA PAL - EVERY TUESDAY/THURSDAY/SATURDAY

KUALA LUMPUR **480**

4 Days/3 Nites VIA PAL - MON / WED / FRI / SAT DEPARTURE

SEOUL **588**

4 Days/3 Nites VIA PAL - DAILY DEPARTURE

All major credit cards are accepted. We offer 3/6/12 Months installment plans. We also offer 0% on all Citibank Card Holders.

Los Palmas TOURS AND TRAVEL

MANILA OFFICE Tel # 8237766 to 87

ANGELLES PAMPANGA Tel # (045)3227178

888621

SAN FERNANDO PAMPANGA Tel # (045) 9515330

8880305

CEBTELE Tel # (045) 410-2785

(040) 410-1248

PTAA IATA

MANILA OFFICE Tel # 8401363 to 65

8471224

816-8107 to 08

810-0226 to 27

WEBSITE: www.laspalmastours.com

BRONZE SAFETY RELIEF VALVE

SIZE: 1" UP TO 2"

SET AT: 30 P.S.I. 60 P.S.I. 100 P.S.I. 125 P.S.I. 150 P.S.I.

Also available: C.I. SAFETY RELIEF VALVE SIZE: 1" UP TO 2" SET AT 150 P.S.I. STAINLESS STEEL RELIEF VALVE SIZE: 1/2" 3/4" 1"

AN YIAC HARDWARE CO., INC.

HARDWARE INGENUITY. TRUSTWORTHY!

527 T. Alonzo St., Sta. Cruz, Iloilo

TEL: 733-5775/733-5778/733-5878/733-5874/733-5778/733-5744/734-1890

TELEFAX: 733-5859 Fax: 733-5860 E-mail: anycac@worldnet.ph

100% Brand New & Reconn

COPIERS

IRICOH • Canon • Olivetti • Savin

Summer Sale!

P15,000. ONLY

P11,500. ONLY

P46,500. ONLY

COPYTRADE

Copytrade Bldg. 500 W. Jhocson St. San Roque, Manila (MC, JR)

Tels. 749-8155 to 56

781-3472 • 749-8246

Prev'l Outlets: Cebu (032)252402 Cebu (032)252402 Cebu (032)252402

BEST VALUE PACKAGES

HONGKONG 4D \$233 \$286

Panda Holiday Inn w/ FREE Dimsum Lunch and Shenzhen Tour + CHINA 7 Day from \$385

HKG/BANGKOK 6D \$388

HKG/SHENZHEN/BKK 7D \$418

HKG/SINGAPORE 8D \$455

HKG/SHENZHEN/SIN 7D \$475

HKG/MACAU/SHENZHEN/SIN 7D \$502

HKG/MACAU/SHENZHEN/BKK 7D \$440

HKG/MACAU/SHENZHEN/BKK/SIN 10D \$560

HKG/BANGKOK/SINGAPORE 10D \$540

7 COUNTRIES 11D \$605

BANGKOK +3N Extn to HongKong \$422

+3N Extn to Singapore \$425

\$245 4D via THAI +3N Extn to Kuala Lumpur \$440

+2N Extn to Saigon \$466

SINGAPORE 4D \$330 via Singapore Airlines

2N Ext Bintan Island ADD \$98

3N Ext Kuala Lumpur ADD \$248

2N Ext Marco Polo Saigon ADD \$278

+ \$15 Johore Bahru, Malaysia

+ \$45 Malacca Tour, Malaysia

+ \$30 Batam Island, Indonesia

MACAU 4D \$228 SAIGON 3D \$345

SEOUL 3D \$435 AUSTRALIA 4D \$599

Star Cruises 50% OFF on 2nd pay (cruise only)

\$507 LEO (H-KG) \$584 VIRGO (H-SIN)

BUDGET AIRFARES

	OW	RT	OW	RT	OW	RT	
Hongkong	120	185	K. Lumpur	235	390	LAX/SFO	435
Macau	90	160	Jakarta	320	398	New York	510
Bangkok	100	215	Seoul	195	350	Vancouver	470
Singapore	100	245	Singapore	245	265	Toronto	510
Tokyo	210	365	Chicago	515	909	Australia	345
Osaka	265	375	Honolulu	440	609	Europe	385

TRANSNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURS, INC.

MAKATI 753-3388 / 3305 / 1121 / 817-1566 / 1571 - 894-0974

Fax: 753-5586 • 845-0679 • E-mail: tna@abacus.com.ph

Text your queries to 0917-5351581 / 791-8236

Mandaluyong: 747-1284 • 531-0212 / Fax 532-5715

IRICOH COPIERS

100% Brand New & Reconn

COPIERS

IRICOH • Canon • Olivetti • Savin

Summer Sale!

P15,000. ONLY

P11,500. ONLY

P46,500. ONLY

COPYTRADE

Copytrade Bldg. 500 W. Jhocson St. San Roque, Manila (MC, JR)

Tels. 749-8155 to 56

781-3472 • 749-8246

Prev'l Outlets: Cebu (032)252402 Cebu (032)252402 Cebu (032)252402

HAVE A SMASHING SUMMER!

Study at

VERNON TAPALLA'S

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS and THE WRITING INSTITUTE

CP 1 On Speech Improvement, Effective Self-Presentations & Personality Development

CP 2 On Grammar & Conversational English

CP 3 On Public Speaking & Leadership Training

WP 1 On Business & Technical Writing

WP 2 On Speech, Grammar, Public Speaking, Confidence Bldg., Personality Dev't., Reading and Comprehension for kids

PRIVATE TUTORING & CORPORATE TRAINING ARE AVAILABLE

MAKATI - 845-0886 / 753-1048 TO 49

ALABANG - 850-4756 / 850-4757

HONGKONG **\$263**

SINGAPORE **\$353**

BANGKOK **\$255**

TICKET ONLY:

	US\$	KUALA	HONOLULU	US\$
HONGKONG	221	398	LAX/SFO	830
BANGKOK	228	318	NEW YORK	910
SINGAPORE	258	261	SYDNEY	625
OSAKA	383	374	EUROPE	818
TOKYO	398	374		
SEOUL	373	340		

SEE YOUR TRAVEL AGENT OR CALL:

MAGELLAN WORLD TRAVEL, INC. PTAA

TELS: 522-3321 • 521-0381 • 526-5652 to 53 • 522-4809 to 11

Fax: 521-0190 • 526-5658

LAFAYETTE PHARMACEUTICAL LABORATORIES, INC.

"Quality is our Best Policy"

QUALITY GENERICS AT VERY COMPETITIVE PRICES

LAFAYETTE PHARMACEUTICALS

#132 13th Avenue Cubao, Q.C.

Tel. No.: 437-5139 / 913-3724

911 - 7292 / Telefax: 913-3723

Palace steers clear of 'pork' war

By Carlito Pablo

LEGISLATORS can have all the "pork" they can get their hands on for as long as the way these funds are spent conform with the priorities set by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

This appears to be Malacañang's position on the squabbling among House representatives over the partitioning of the P34.8-billion infra-

structure budget for the pet projects of the members of Congress. "We would welcome that these congressional initiatives, wherever they come from, be aligned with these priorities," Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afaible said on Friday.

Afaible declined to comment directly on the congressional infighting even as some observers noted that the lawmakers were

practically taking over the budget of the Department of Public Works and Highways. Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay Jr. has even proposed that the infrastructure budgets of the agriculture and agrarian reform departments be tapped to serve as an "equalization fund" for congressional districts getting less allocations from the DPWH's in-

frastructure budget. The Pichay formula involves drawing an additional P3 billion for congressional projects. Camarines Sur Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr. has objected to the measure.

As far as the Palace is concerned, however, pork barrel is not a bad proposition so long as the legislators' pet projects do not come in conflict with

the administration's program.

"What we're really interested in is when these matters of congressional initiatives are implemented or discussed, we would like to see some alignment between these initiatives and the core programs of the executive department," Afaible said after his regular press briefing last Friday.

Afaible noted that the

President had set out these priority programs in her state-of-the-nation address last July.

Gabriel Claudio, presidential adviser for legislative affairs, said last week that Malacañang was for letting the representatives settle the row themselves.

Afaible said Malacañang would simply wait and see how the House members would arrive at a compromise formula for a more equitable sharing of the infrastructure budget.

He would not comment on the observation that the legislators might be drawing from the budget of other departments to fund their pet projects.

As the temperature heats up, we're bringing our prices DOWN!

International Packages (in USD)	Airfare Only (in USD)
Hongkong	315.00 SFO/ LAX 900.00
Singapore	339.00 New York 1,000.00
Bangkok & Pattaya	450.00 Australia 650.00
Singapore w/ Malaysia & Indonesia Tour	445.00

Domestic Packages (in PHP)	
Boracay	7,073.00
Palawan	7,358.00
Bohol	9,500.00
Puerto Galera	2,450.00

Travel tip: When at the beach, remember to re-apply sunblock lotion every so often. The sun can get scorching hot so make sure you're protected all the time.

KENSTAR
Travel Corporation

There's only one name for your travel needs.

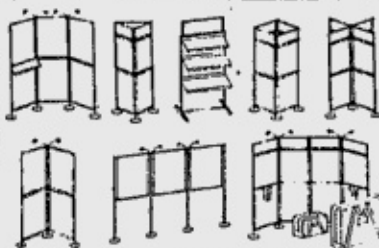
Kenstar Bldg. 511 Alonzo St. Malate, Manila, 524 1211 to 14
kenstar@pacific.net.ph/www.kenstartravel.com

We fix all computer problems!

Expert in VIRUS Removal

CALL OUR HOTLINE
303-8888
ON-SITE FAST EXPERIENCED GUARANTEED AFFORDABLE

WE SELL / RENT
EXHIBIT & PROMO
SYSTEMS



MADE IN SWEDEN
TRANSAD ADVERTISING INC.
1015 Zobel Roxas St., Singalong, Manila
Tels: 522-7644 / 400-9987 Tel/Fax: 831-4374

A Heart Attack Is
FATAL

BE READY IF IT STRIKES!



• Handy and Portable
• Ideal for travel
• Imported from U.S.A.

STAR MILLS PAMPANGA
2nd Floor

OXYLITE
PORTABLE OXYGEN
[caremedical.net]

SM MANILA
5TH Floor 484-1471

FAR EAST MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

SM MEGAMALL 5th Fl. Bldg. A 635-0635
SM FAIRVIEW Basement 418-7540
SM SOUTHMALL Basement 800-40-93
SM NORTH EDSA Cor. EDSA 53-3326
ROBINSONS GALLERIA Basement 635-5061

Fond
Memories
To Last!

Only **P700**

We'll transfer them from Beta, VHS, Video 8, Mini-DV & 8mm reels

For special occasions like weddings, baptisms and birthdays.

Free Pick-Up And Delivery Within Metro Manila

To VIDEO CD

IDEAL WORKS

892-9073 to 75 (Makati)
365-3025 (Quezon City)
330-5942 (Manila)
(046) 502-0172 (Cavite)

SPECIAL PACKAGES PROMO

HONG KONG	\$275	\$267	\$245
BANGKOK	\$245	\$249	\$259
SINGAPORE	\$318	\$328	\$323
SAIGON			\$313

BUDGET FARES	SINGAPORE
HONGKONG \$221	FUKUOKA \$435
BANGKOK \$220	AUSTRALIA \$625
SINGAPORE \$255	NEW YORK \$910
VANCOUVER \$780	NAGOYA \$440
OSAKA \$380	TAIPEI \$315
TOKYO \$375	SEOUL \$390
LAX SFO \$830	TORONTO \$970

SANS TRAVEL & TOURS

TEL: 438-8227/439-5749/439-5769/913-0508/913-0560
CELL: 0917-841401 0917-4510243 0917-8743388
E-Mail: sans_travel@yahoo.com.ph URL: www.sanstravel.com

The answer to your test question!

America's #1 World Leader in Test Prep

KAPLAN

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL STUDIES AND EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

AMERICAN COLLEGE

ACADEMIC MEDICAL DENTAL NURSING

• QUEZON CITY CENTER • MANILA CENTER •

Tel: 371-8966 & 68 • 372-1680 Tel: 735-7113 to 16

• MAKATI CITY CENTER • CEBU CITY CENTER •

Tel: 813-9222 & 82 • 888-0875 Tel: (032)254-1388 • 412-0977

Call us for info regarding our courses, course packages, free weekly seminars & free papers

INTERNATIONAL PACKAGE

401N HONGKONG \$258 401N SINGAPORE \$339

401N HONGKONG/MACAU \$318 401N KUALA LUMPUR \$375

401N BANGKOK \$228 301N GUAM \$415

401N ROTARY PACKAGE SPAIN JUNE 23-26, 2002 \$1,320

DOMESTIC PACKAGE

301N PALAWAN PHP 7,999

301N BORACAY PHP 8,750

301N BANAUE PHP 2,950

CORREGIDOR (DAY TOUR) PHP 1,000

301N BOHOL PHP 3,750

TICKET ONLY

HONGKONG \$225

SINGAPORE \$225

SEUL \$225

TOKYO \$225

TAIPEI \$225

EUROPE \$225

GRAJAN INT'L TRAVEL & TOURS

1F Quezon Building, 84 Cagayan St., cor. Congress Hall Ave., Baguio City, Quezon City

Tel.: 453-1312, 921-0697, 9267054, 9272166, 9267120

Look for Marie, Alelie, Jackie, Jenny or Nannie

DAVAO OFFICE: #427 1/2 Palma St., Davao City

Tel: (082) 224-6275/6 look for Aya, Honis, Edil & Nema

PTA

DOE ACCREDITATION NO.: TO-087-2001

ink-Man

SAVE BIG ON INK!

REPLACEMENT INK CARTRIDGES FOR EPSON, CANON AND REPRIT KITS FOR HP, CANON, LEXMARK, etc.

We buy empty Inkjet, Laserjet & Ribbon Cartridges

We pick up & deliver.

Save Money. Best Quality. Preserve Our Environment.

LOOKING FOR PROVINCIAL DISTRIBUTOR.

3rd Fl., #122 West Avenue, Q.C. Tel. No.: 925-3705

Telefax: 929-7378

MANILA

Star Cruises

The First Global Cruise Line

CRUISE CELEBRATION!

On board **SuperStar LEO**

76,800 tons world class MEGA ship in Asia Pacific

FOR THE PRICE OF 4D/3N

ENJOY AN ADDITIONAL 3D/2N FOR FREE!

HONGKONG / SANYA / HALONG BAY / XIAMEN

DEPARTING: 26 MAY 2002 - ONE SAILING DATE ONLY

6D/5N of luxury cruising made more AFFORDABLE starting as low as:

USD 628.00 USD 528.00

BASED ON TWIN SHARING BASED ON QUAD SHARING

INCLUSIVE: ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE via PHILIPPINE AIRLINES

6D / 5N CRUISE FARE WITH ALL MEALS ON BOARD

EXTENSION 3D/2N IN HONGKONG MARCO POLO GATEWAY / PRINCE HOTEL

USD 70.00 / pax TWIN SHARING USD 45.00 / pax QUAD SHARING

EXTENSION NITE INCLUDES 3D/2N HOTEL ACCOMMODATION WITH OUTSIDE BREAKFAST

AND FREE TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT TO OCEAN TERMINAL AND HOTEL TO AIRPORT

FOR INQUIRIES OR RESERVATION, PLEASE CALL:

HORIZON Great Ship Adventure Cruises, Inc.

TRAVEL & TOURS INC.

Main - 1128 U.N Avenue, Paco Manila Tel. Nbrs. 3050259 to 61 / 5231760

Binondo - 345 San Vicente, Binondo Manila Tel. Nbrs. 2435203 to 05 / 3091123

Rm. 46 Parc House Bldg., 227 EDSA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City Tel. Nbrs 7445968 / 7445969

E-mail: cstc@l-next.net

Water disinfectant technologies

High precision technologies match with quality services.

Non-disinfectant water treatment technology

MULTI-MEDIA DEPTH FILTERS

WATER SOFTENERS

REVERSE OSMOSIS

FILTER CARTRIDGES & HOUSINGS

ULTRA VIOLET WATER STERILIZERS

CHLORINATOR

WaterCare

MARKETING (PHILS.)

Quality Is Our Guarantee.

Exclusive Distributor:

• US Filters Plymouth Products (Ametek)

• Nimbus Water Systems (R.O.)

• Badger Motor, Inc.

• R-Can UV Sterilizer

• Rusco, Inc.

• Water Systems Group (Starbucks Coffee)

• Pentafide Resins

Inquire Now!

WaterCare Center 3933 L. Rocas St. cor. Santol St.,

Sampaloc, Manila Tel. No. 716-6998 / 716-8078

Fax No. (632) 716-0903 Email: watercare@iname.com

Also available at: SM Megamall 5/F Bldg. A Tel. #: 633-2510 / 20 • SM City Fairview

UGF Tel. #: 4176622 / 4186024 • SM Southmall UGF Tel. #: 806-9393 • SM City Bacoor Tel. #: (046) 970-6168 • SM City Cebu Tel. #: (032) 233-0252 • MC Homes Builders Makati

Tel. #: 893-3070 Loc 19 Tel. #: 812-6447 • MC Homes Builders Ortigas Tel. #: 638-5201

• Ace Hardware (including Cebu, Pampanga, Iloilo & Davao) • Handyman Robinsons

(Manila, Galleria & Iloilo) • True Value (Sta. Lucia, Shangri-la, Rockwell)

The One Stop Shop For All Your Water Treatment Needs.



I gained so much weight after I got married and had kids that I ballooned to (212 lbs.) 96.15 kgs. I didn't want to look at myself in the mirror because I didn't like my overweight, post-natal figure. To slim down, I tried to workout but it didn't help at all and diet pills affected my health. I wanted to give up until I heard about Marie-France. Through their safe and effective weight-loss programme, I finally lost the 'Fatter Me' when I achieved my healthy weight of (120 lbs.) 54.43 kgs. With Marie-France, I not only reduced my post-natal pounds, I've also stayed slim ever since!

Elмира M.
Housewife,
mother of 2 kids

"The 'Fatter Me' Is
Gone After I Lost
(92 lbs.)
41.73 kgs.!"

Mother's Day Promo:

25% OFF
from May 13-18, 2002

Uncover Your Curves

Marie France
Bodyline International®

NEW LOCATION

MAKATI 816-1262 815-2052 819-3340	ORTIGAS 687-1216 687-1218 638-3028	QUEZON CITY 372-6635 372-6636 410-3723 • 410-3724	BINONDO 242-2199 243-8230 242-3299 • 242-2399
--	---	--	--

ALABANG 809-9619 850-4574 842-4633 • 842-6887	SHAW 534-5898 534-5877 717-0071 • 717-0072	CONGRESSIONAL 920-8021 920-8047 920-7675	PAMPANGA 961-2981/91 860-6921/22	CEBU 233-7637 233-7639 233-7641
--	---	---	--	--

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 0809, Series of 2002

NO EXERCISE MACHINES • NO WORKOUT CLASSES • NO PILLS OR INJECTIONS • NO HUNGER PAINS • NO MEDICATIONS • NO SURGERY

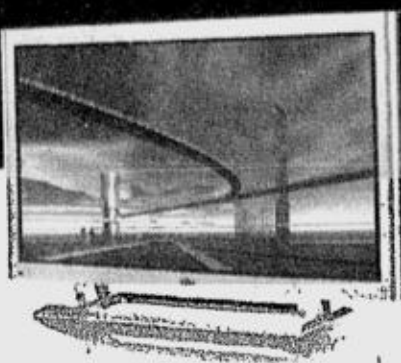
Plasmavision™

The most widely used plasma monitor in the world.

CUTTING EDGE FEATURES INCLUDE:

- 16.77 million colors for crystal clear, real life colors,
- Above 160 degrees viewing angle
- Multi-system and multi inputs to accommodate all types of sources
- Auto voltage input
- Lightweight
- Heavy duty 24 hour/7 day duty cycle
- Optional wall/ceiling or table brackets for various mounting options
- An Incredible 3.5 inches thick only
- Low power consumption

PDS5001
(50 inches)



Also Available:
PDS4234 / PDS4229 (42 inches)

FUJITSU

Eleksis

MARKETING CORPORATION
www.eleksis.com

For inquiries please call:
Tel Nos: 724-9566 ; 724-7527 Cell No: 0917-899-8557 Fax: 724-0176
email: customer_service@eleksis.com

Audio Visual Driver : Level 4 Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Edsa cor. Shaw Boulevard Mandaluyong City Tel. Nos. 638-8480

JENNY'S AVERAGE MONTHLY CHARGE DURING THE PRICELESS PLEASURES PROMO:

P 84,250.00

THE CHARGE SLIP THAT WON HER THE MILLION-PESO GRAND PRIZE:

P 2,198.00

BEING HER IMMEDIATE RELATIVE: PRICELESS

MasterCard congratulates with great pleasure the Grand Draw winners of the Priceless Pleasures Promo:

1st Prize Winner
of P1,000,000.00

Jenny L. Hao (Quezon City)

2nd Prize Winner
of P500,000.00

Lilia B. Galvante (Taytay, Rizal)

3rd Prize Winners
of a Trip Package
for Two to Bangkok

Roberto Q. Go (Quezon City)
Josette H. Marcilla (Pasig City)
Elizabeth C. Mago (Bifan, Laguna)

A million heartfelt thanks go to the rest of MasterCard holders.



Priceless Pleasures Promo

The Grand Draw was held last April 15, 2002 at the MasterCard Intl. Office and was witnessed by DTI Representative Edward Concepcion.

Sinking blamed on CG

From page A1

at the time of the accident.

But about 20 minutes into the trip, the afternoon sun appeared from behind the clouds. The passengers seated on the left side ramp and roof

of the cabin then started to transfer to the right section, which had some shade. The movement caused the boat to tip over to the right.

Many of the passengers were revelers who had joined the

morning parade and street-dancing contest for the 10th anniversary celebration of Biliran province.

One of the fatalities was Josephine Malanan, wife of ferry owner Alfredo.

Espina said Malanan and the Coast

Guard officers in this capital town should be made liable for the tragedy. He said he wanted Lt. Alex Gemina, head of the Coast Guard in Naval, relieved from his post because the ferry was clearly overloaded.

Gemina admitted that the boat was overloaded. He said the Nilode only had a 30-person capacity "but when it departed, it (had) 94 passengers based on our count."

But he also washed his hands of the tragedy. Gemina said the Coast Guard officer on duty, PO2 Jose Alamo, told Malanan not to depart because the boat had already exceeded its capacity.

In fact, Gemina said, Malanan was "made to sign an 'apprehension report' to prove that he was advised not to leave the port as the motorboat was overloaded."

Malanan signed the paper, but nevertheless departed from the port while Alamo was allegedly not looking.

But Gemina could not explain why nothing was done to stop the departure even though the Coast Guard office was only about 25 meters from the docking area of the wharf.

Gemina said that if anybody should be held responsible, it should be Malanan.

The INQUIRER went to the Biliran Provincial Hospital to interview Malanan, but his relatives said he could not be disturbed because he was still "in shock" over his wife's death.

Coast Guard officers had initially cleared the ferry to leave with 15 passengers on Saturday morning, but more passengers coming from the town celebration boarded the boat after the inspectors left, Ortiz said.

When the Coast Guard officers discovered that the ferry had been overloaded, they refused to allow it to sail, but local politicians allegedly convinced them to change their minds, he said.

"We have set up a fact-finding commission to investigate what happened and we will file criminal charges against those responsible," Espina said.

"Among those we will investigate are the boat owners and the Coast Guard personnel for allowing the boat to leave, knowing there was overloading."

The 19 fatalities were all women and children. One of the victims, 3-year-old Rondulf Gabin "RG" Rolona, was found to have drunk seawater contaminated with crude oil, according to Dr. Noel Albelda, provincial health officer.

The victims included the wife and two children of Michael Aguilos, station manager of Radyo Natin-Naval: Marites, 25; Mikey, 4; and Michaela, 3. Last Saturday was also the Aguilos' third wedding anniversary.

Aside from Josephine Malanan, the fatalities were Inocenta Adaptante, Erlinda Adaptante, Prudencio de Loyola, Juanita Radam Rigodon, Carmelita Casio, Segundina Culibra, Remedios Radam, Renelia Leorad, Virgilia Sereño, Ferminia Raagas, Ofelia Martinez, Salud Arradaza, Comedesa Radam and Josefina Gaviola. With reports from AP, AFP and Reuters

If you are ACCUSED or CONVICTED of violating BP22, read:

The ULTIMATE DEFENSE Against THE BOUNCING CHECKS LAW

By the Author of Fight for Justice
ROGER NOGALES

P1,000 per copy including mailing charges
Send check or money order to: R.P. Nogales-Glorietta de Manila
San Sebastian St., University Belt, 1001 Manila
Or call Peachy: (632) 7338061 or 7368338

STUDY ABROAD

HOTEL RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT STUDY TOUR
Brisbane - 3 Weeks, Oct. 2002 (18-24 yrs. old)
Program Venue: Cotah-College of Tourism and Hospitality,
Southbank Institute of TAFE
Plus! Tours at Dreamworld/ Seaworld/ MovieWorld/ Australian
Woolshed/ Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary/ Aboriginal Cultural Tour

STUDY TOUR in Beijing, CHINA
- 3 Weeks, Sept.-Oct. 2002 (18 yrs. old and above)
- Study Chinese Business, Language and Culture
- Plus! Trips to Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Great Wall

Summer School at ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE
Ware, England - 3 Weeks, June/July 2002 (16-18 yrs. old)
- Study English Grammar and Literature
- Full day visit to London & watch "CATS"
- Afternoon courses in arts and craft, drawing, painting, sports,
pottery and ceramics, etc.
- Visit Greenwich and Cambridge

Applications are now being accepted in all programs.
Places on the Study Tours are on a first come, first serve basis

INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN STUDY, INC.

Suite 805 Forrester Bldg. Tower, No. 30 Polaris St. Bldg. Makati City 1209
Tel. No. (02) 896-7010; 896-7011 Fax No. (02) 896-6403
Email: ifs@skyinet.net / migration@skyinet.net Website: www.ifsphl.com
(Manila) 0917-6173723 (Cebu) 0917-3214002 (Davao) 0916-3251881 (Iligan) 0919-8789049

BOARDING SCHOOLS
in the USA and UK
HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAM
in the USA

UNIVERSITY STUDIES
in the USA,
UK and Australia

MBA in the
USA, UK
and Australia

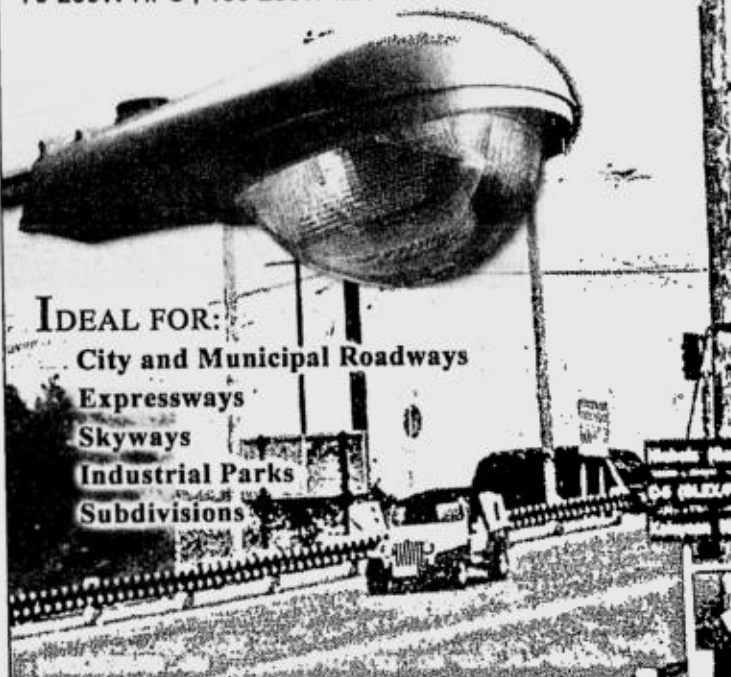
HOTEL RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT
in Switzerland

INTERNSHIP
in Australia

American Electric

MADE IN U.S.A.

Series 113
ROADWAY LUMINAIRE
70-250W HPS ; 100-250W MH



IDEAL FOR:

City and Municipal Roadways
Expressways
Skyways
Industrial Parks
Subdivisions

CALL US FOR INQUIRIES

Legrand Commercial, Inc.

82-84 5th Avenue cor. J. Teodoro St. Kalookan City

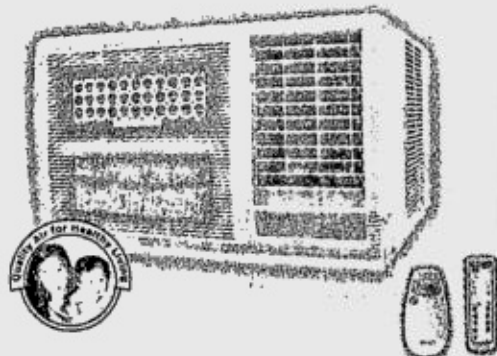
Tels.: 364-45-81 Fax: (632) 363-59-43

Email: mail@legrandcommercial.com

Uni-Air®

AIRCON-PURIFIER

AIR CONDITIONER WITH BUILT-IN AIR PURIFIER



3 Stages of Air Purification

- **NYLON PRE-FILTER**
Filter out large particles of dust, fibers, pet dander, etc.
- **ELECTROSTATIC FILTER**
An electrically powered metal plate that acts also like a magnet which attracts and trap smoke, micro-dust, pollen and other pollutants not visible to the naked eye.
- **BACTERICIDAL FILTER**
An anti-bacteria filter called Photocatalytic (Titanium Dioxide) filter which effectively eliminates harmful bacteria and viruses to avoid the spread of contagious diseases. Recommended for hospitals and rooms for babies and elderly.

Uni-Air Aircon-Purifier comes with
Wired and Wireless Remote Control

Take 2 for the
Price of 1



563-0868

We don't say we're

No. 1,

but we're proud to say

we're the First!

Only from...



Uni-Air® 友利

For Clean, Cool, Quality Air

Palace: No military pullout in MILF camps

MALACANANG yesterday said the military would remain in the camps that were captured from the Moro Islamic Liberation Front even while evacuees displaced by the war would be allowed to return to their communities under a recent agreement signed by the two sides.

"There will be no pull-out of troops. That is not stated in the agreement," Acting Press Secretary Silvestre Afable said.

He was responding to charges that the agreement, which was signed on May 7 in Malaysia, would return to the MILF the camps that it lost to government forces in 2000.

Afable said the 26 former MILF camps

would no longer be referred to as camps but rather "civilian communities that will be mainstreamed into the development process."

Afable said there would be no armed presence in the camps and returning evacuees referred only to unarmed civilians and not belligerents.

The agreement provided for the return of refugees to their "places of origin" and the rehabilitation and development of

these communities.

"There is no mention of MILF camps in the agreement," said Afable, as he decried "partisan efforts" to distort the agreement in order to "confuse and divide the public."

Carlito Pablo

Aviation cadet program back on track—Defensor

By Martin P. Marfil

PHILIPPINE Air Force chief Lt. Gen. Benjamin Defensor yesterday said he had already taken steps to implement a presidential directive to continue the aviation cadet program.

In a press statement, he said a PAF Aviation Cadet Program "had already been announced, the issues explained and actions have been taken to start procurement."

Defensor said those who accuse him of allegedly refusing to carry out the presidential order were "obviously or intentionally misinformed."

The other day a group of former aviation cadets boycotted the 19th alumni homecoming of the PAF Flying School in Lipa in protest against Defensor's alleged failure to revive the old aviation program.

The Aviation Cadet program is a two-year flying course that was begun in 1937.

Last year, Ms. Macapagal ordered Defensor to revive the program.

In the same statement, PAF spokesperson Col. Jose Honrado explained that the program had been scrapped in 1998 in favor of the PAF Officers' Candidate School (OCS).

He said that when the President issued the directive to revive the program, there were already five classes training at the OCS, including the 2000 and 2001 classes of the Philippine Military Academy.

He said another 266 students were waiting to get in as the Air Force can only accommodate 50 students per class.

"The next aviation cadet training can only come after these classes (graduate). Otherwise, a far greater number would complain. This would include PMA graduates, OCS graduates and even reserve officers deciding to fly and this would be disastrous," Honrado said.

Honrado claimed there was no boycott as hundreds attended the homecoming on Saturday at the Fernando Air Base in Lipa City.

MOUNT SEA RESORT
Hotel and Restaurant
163 Marcella St. Baguio, Rosario Cavite
Tel # (044) 439 3855 Fax # (044) 439 3777

NOW ONLY... P 150 NET PER HEAD

SWIMMING WITH FREE MEAL!

REGULAR PRICE: P 300/HEAD

Other Amenities/Facilities: 65 Air conditioned rooms, with mini refrigerator and cable TV* Olympic-sized and Slide Pool* Filipino & Chinese Restaurant* Mini Zoo* Fishing Village* Pedal Boat* Volleyball* Basketball* Billiard* Obstacle Course* Function Room* Reception & Party Venues*

Near CEPZA Site, 24 Hours Transportation Accessibility Only 40 Mins. or 20 Kms. away from Manila!

Note: Applies only to Day Swimming. Not Valid on any other Promo. Cut this ad and present upon entrance to avail of promo.

THE MOST DURABLE CHAIR EVER INVENTED BY A FILIPINO.

MEMBER: FILIPINO INVENTORS SOCIETY

- UNIQUE
- ARTISTIC
- DURABLE
- ALL RIVETED WITH SOLID STEEL FRAME

NAVARRO PATENTED SCHOOL CHAIR*

* IMITATION IS PUNISHABLE BY LAW
A.C. NAVARRO PATENTED PRODUCTS
50 TAYTAY ST. MAYPAJO, CALOOCAN CITY
Tel. Nos.: 288-0837 • Telfax No.: 288-3689

OXY-GEN THERAPY SET Relieve difficulty in breathing

Your complete indoor & outdoor first aid kit

Air on Wheels!

Includes:
Oxygen Regulator
Nasal Cannula
Oxygen Cylinder
Stroller Bag (3 in 1)

Donated by: **medical center trading corporation**
Pioneer St., Cor. Shaw Blvd., Pasig City Tel. 631-1715 • 631-9355 • 637-9504
Fax (632) 631-7869 E-mail Address: medcen@info.com.ph

Pasig City/Manila City/Cebu City/Davao City/Iloilo City/Lipa City/Panganga (02) (03) (02) (03) (03) (03)
631-1715/711-8374/254-2357/222-4404/320-1413/757-2051/951-7892

Available in all **mercury drug** Stores Nationwide

KITONE
QUALITY LUBRICATION EQUIPMENT

Pneumatic Grease Pump 80L Quick Oil Changer 80L Manual Oil Pump 80L

Pneumatic Grease Pump 20L Manual Grease Pump 20L Manual Oil Pump 20L

FACILITY INTEGRATED SYSTEMS
164 N. Carpio Street, 6th Avenue (East) Caloocan, M.M.
Tel.: 365-78-86 to 88 Fax: 364-0069 • 361-8838

Restore your defective equipment at Affordable Cost!

We Specialize in LAPTOP & FAX REPAIRS

We also repair: PC's • Printer • Monitors • Electronics Typewriters UPS, Shredders & Others

FOR MULTI-USERS AVAIL OF OUR SMA

The most ECONOMICAL maintenance program EVER!

- ✓ Full staff of skilled and experienced engineers and technicians.
- ✓ From simple cleaning to major trouble shooting.
- ✓ Repairs can be carried out right at your office, minimizing downtime.

Best in Customer Satisfaction - Samsung Electronics

THREE OFFICES TO SERVE YOU

BUSINESSCARE S.T.C. Inc.

QUEZON CITY Tel: 912-1077 912-1089
MANILA 536-6576 536-6573
MAKATI 893-0898-893-1594 893-1597

PulmoMist
Handheld Ultrasonic Nebulizer

your efficient choice and practical application in aerosol delivery for

Relief in 6 mins.

ASTHMA
BRONCHITIS
EMPHYSEMA
PULMONARY INFECTIONS
COPD and other
RESPIRATORY DISORDERS

mask, mouthpiece and medicine cups are reusable

Manufactured for and Exclusively Distributed by:
medical center trading corporation
Pioneer St., Cor. Shaw Blvd., Pasig City
Tel.: 631-1715 • 631-9355 • 637-9504 • Fax (632) 631-7869
e-mail Address: medcen@info.com.ph

Available in **mercury drug** Stores Nationwide

FOR INQUIRIES CALL ANY OF THESE BRANCHES NEAREST YOU

Manila Cebu Davao Iloilo Lipa Panganga
711-8374 • (032) 254-2357 • (082) 222-4404 • (033) 320-1413 • (043) 757-2051 • (045) 951-7892

1st PHILIPPINE WORLD CLASS WONDER HERBAL

ABS BITTER HERBS

40 Capsules BFD FR-24465 P 480/bbox

BEWARE OF IMITATION AND FAKE PRODUCTS

Effective Herbal Dietary Supplement for:

- Diabetes • Asthma • Arthritis • Hypertension
- Cancer • Aging • Rheumatism • Blood Cleansing
- Body Detoxification • Body Slimming

Featured at MAGDANG GABI BAYAN (ABS-CBN)

Welcome DEALERS & DISTRIBUTORS

Main Office: 80 Manokap Ex. Diliman, Quezon City
Tel. No.: 926-3252 • 925-9318 • 435-0086

PILOT HYDRAULIC PALLET TRUCK
A FULL FEATURE PALLET TRUCK IN MATERIAL HANDLING

- 2.5 ton.....P12,500
- 2.5 ton Low Profile.....P13,500
- 3 ton.....P13,500

- ✓ HAND LOWERING CONTROLS 3 POSITIONS LOWER-NEUTRAL-PUMP
- ✓ DURABLE HYDRAULICS
- ✓ ROBUST CONSTRUCTION (1 year warranty)

VICTOR HARDWARE 697-498 G. Aranda Ave., Quezon City, Philippines.
Tel.: (032) 743-8761 • Fax: 743-8867 & 732-9108
E-mail: victorhardware@i-manila.com.ph

MIST FAN COOLING SYSTEMS!
Convert your existing fan into an Evaporative Cooling System
Instant temperature reduction up to 40°F!

Wall Mount Ceiling Movable Fan (with wheels)

Fan with Mist
Powerful Airthrow: 30 to 40 Feet

Perfect for: Factories, Warehouses, Assembly Plants, Manufacturing Plants, Production Areas, Foundries, Livestocks, and Restaurants.

Ideal for: buildings with multiple fan installations.

For inquiries & free estimates, call now!

COOL MIST INTERNATIONAL Pioneer & Industry Leader since 1996
Tel. Nos.: 920-8109 • 928-3424 Telefax: 920-8109
SALES / RENTALS / DESIGNS / INSTALLATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

It's never too late for a Summer Break!

HONGKONG 4D3N on PAL at Dorset Garden or Seaview Hotel \$240

BANGKOK 4D3N on PAL at First House or Residence and Spa Hotel \$256 (departure every Thursday)

SINGAPORE 4D3N on PAL at Summerview Hotel \$328

AUSTRALIA \$599 w/ Free 3 Days/2 Nights stay in Singapore

BALI 4D3N stay in Bali w/ 3D/2N stay in Singapore \$599

KUALA LUMPUR 4D3N on PAL at Grand Season Hotel \$488

SAIGON 4D3N on PAL at Oscar Hotel \$287

Sama-sama this Summer

ARKTRAVEL EXPRESS, INC.
Unit LG Alfaro Plaza, 148 Alfaro St., Salcedo Vill., Makati City
Tel. Nos.: 893-7308 893-4979 893-7288 892-2259 816-1999 819-3219
E-mail Address: ark@next.net Look for Sharon

Repair & RECONSTRUCTION

THIS PICTURE SHOWS A VERY DEFECTIVE EYE BROW TATTOO. LOWER BROW SHOWS THE SUPPOSED CORRECT BROWLINE. THIS CASE HAS TO UNDERGO SERIOUS REPAIR & RECONSTRUCTION

CALL **Susan Co to the Rescue**

The only certified Aesthetic Skin Specialist who can give you 100% guarantee of erasing and reconstructing your damaged tattoos into brand-new look!

Personalized!

SERVICES OFFERED: AESTHETIC TATTOO (EYEBROWS, EYELINE & LIPS) • LIP AUGMENTATION • NON-SURGICAL FACELIFT • NOSE LIFT • BUST LIFT • BREAST AUGMENTATION • BUTTLIFT • SERIOUS DEEP PORE FACIAL • RECONSTRUCT DAMAGED TATTOO • VARICOSE & SPIDER VEIN TREATMENT • WHITENING TABLET • INSTANT WHITENING • WARTS REMOVAL • LASER OMLASE TREATMENT • FRECKLE REMOVAL • EYELASHES PERMING

Prettylooks
Hi-Tech Beauty Centre for Men & Women

• **MAKATI:** Unit 224-225 Bldg. #2 Central Park I, Gen. Tinio St., cor. Binay St., Bangkal, Makati City
Tels. 889-4830 to 31 • Cell No. 0917-5180675

• **BINONDO:** 503 Fuyong Mansion 913 Onpin St. cor. T. Alonzo St. & Sta. Cruz St. Manila
Tel. 733-6794
susanong@globenet.com.ph www.prettylooks.com

OPEN HOUSE MAY 18, 2002

PARAÑAQUE

WITH EXCLUSIVE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

FROM SUCAT ROAD ENTER FOURTH ESTATE SUBD. ALONG BANNER AVE.

AVAIL OF THE SPECIAL PROMO

2-Storey Townhouse
2 Bedrooms, 2 Toilet & Bath
IMPORTED LAMINATE FLOORING FOR 2ND FLOOR
Floor area: 59 sq.m. / Lot area: 50 - 98 sq.m.

STATE LAND
HLURB LICENSE NO. 03047

CALL: 8447878 8452096 8452078 2421231 2421138 8937343

VISAYAS AVE. 22-E Visayas Avenue, VASRA, Diliman Q.C. 456-6016 TANDANG BORA, TONDO Nieves Place II, Juan Luna cor. Benita St., Tondo, Manila 253-0007 SAN ANDRES 1206 San Andres St., Singalong Area, Malate, Manila 400-6531 COTABATO CITY Young Bldg., Don Rufino, Cotabato City (084) 421-5788 ANGELES 9-10 Pasilio Walling-walling, Nepe Mart II, Angeles City, Panganga (045) 888-078378 OLINGAPO 35 Gordon Ave., Pagasa, Olongapo City (047) 324-16318 GEN. SANTOS Metroview Coco Grill, South Osmania St., Gen. Santos City (083) 553-2723/ (083) 553-2723 CALOOCAN 191-193 Rizal Ave. Extension, Grace Park, Caloocan City 3674288/3612033 MINDANAO AVE. 3 Road St., cor. Mindanao Avenue, Q.C. 4552833 LEGASPI CITY c/o Kawasak Peoples Mktg. Magayan Hotel Bldg., Benaranda St., Legaspi City (052) 820 4038/ (052) 4908123 TARIAC, ZAMBOANGA, DAVUPAN Burgos St. corner Bonifacio St., Daguupan City, Pangasinan (075) 5236937 STA. ROSA 1-32M Bldg., Rizal Blvd. Cor. Zavalla St., Sta. Rosa, Laguna (049) 8372884 CUBAO G/F RUSTAN'S Super Store, Time Square Avenue, Cubao, Q.C. (Bgeide BDO) 4212038 TUQUEGARA 2nd Fl., FCI Cilmall, Bonifacio St., Tuguegarao City (078) 8448877 LUCENA CITY 139 Enriquez St., Lucena City (042) 3734018 DAVAO 1, OZAMIS Washington St. corner Gomez St., Ozamis City (088) 5211592 STA. ROSA 2 Sta. Rosa Commercial Complex Balibago, Sta. Rosa, Laguna (049) 8371757 Tacloban City Cor. L. & G Bldg., Ysa J. Zamora St., Tacloban City (053) 325 3788 BONI-MASILYO 71-Mayella St., Mandauyong City 835-7128 VALERIZUELA 51st 1-95 McArthur Hwy, Valerizuela City 2774454 BUTUAN CITY Montana Boulevard, Butuan City or Star Cebuana Jollibee Bldg. (085) 3424444 NAVOTAS 980 M. Naval St., San Jose, Negros 262-8358 MALABON 2706500 DAVAO 2 871 J.P. Laurel St., Davao City (082) 2226-0085 CEBU 3rd Fl. Unit 301C, Mango Square, Gen. Malillon Ave. Cebu City (032) 254-8189 CAGAYAN-DE ORO 53 Antonio Luna Velaz St., Cagayan-de Oro City (088) 231 724817 TAOUAN c/o Grand Mobile, Pioneer Avenue, Taguin City, DAVAO (084) 217-3193 LA UNION #2 G/F Shopping Mall, SAN FERNANDO LA UNION, ZAMBOANGA 1, ZAMBOANGA 2, MAKATI, BULACAN, NUEVA ECIA, NUEVA VIZCAYA, BAGUIO, ILOILO, ILOCOS, PAMPANGA, ORMOG, LEYTE, LOS BANOS LAGUNA, MINDORO, BACOLOD, BATANGAS, LAS PINAS, PALAWAN, ISABELA, ROSORON, AND STILL GROWING

OVER 52 BRANCHES NATIONWIDE AND STILL GROWING!

Having problems with your cellphone??

go to

CELLPHONE LAB
YOUR MOBILE REPAIR CENTER

Repairing a sophisticated piece of technology like a cellphone takes some expertise. You can't just let anyone touch its delicate parts.

But you can trust Cellphone Lab with your cellphone repairs. We have certified phone specialists on-board and fully computerized operations. We make sure your phone is fixed on the day you pick it up.

Cellphone Lab - your certified cellphone care center

We're giving away more than a Million pesos worth of prizes! Join now and win a trip to Hongkong, Bangkok, Boracay, Dakak and other major home appliances! Visit our stores for more details. Per DIT permit no. 1338 series of 2002

CELLPHONE LAB

for franchise: call 638-9266 • fax 638-9267 • trunk line 687-5165

CORPORATE OFFICE: Suite 2303A West Tower Philippine Stock Exchange Center (TEXTITE) Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City Philippines

Scandal again hounds family of Los Angeles priest

From page A1

He used to work as secretary and cashier to Nueva Segovia Archbishop Juan Sison in Ilocos Sur until he migrated to the United States in the late 1960s.

Father Tamayo was also accused of introducing Milla to six other Catholic priests with whom she had sex. In 1982, Milla got pregnant by one of the priests. Tamayo died in the United States after he underwent surgery for a

blood clot in his brain.

A nearly tearful Dr. Tamayo initially begged off from recalling the incidents in 1983 when he personally attended to Milla—then supposedly three months pregnant—on the day she arrived in the country.

He said he never heard from Milla since that year until the news broke out recently that she had asked Roger Cardinal Mahoney of Los Angeles to help her find her daughter's father.

Tamayo later agreed to piece together the circumstances after almost two decades since Milla stayed in his home to deliver her baby, now 19-year-old Jacqueline Milla.

"From Day One of Rita's arrival here, we provided her home, food and amenities," Dr. Tamayo said.

He said his brother called him from Los Angeles that Milla was coming to the Philippines.

"Please take care of her," Father

Tamayo, who was left behind in LA, told his brother.

Dr. Tamayo failed to mention the extent of his brother's involvement with Milla but said the priest volunteered to bring her to the Philippines to "save a human life."

"She (Milla) respected my brother because of his generosity," Dr. Tamayo said, noting that he and Milla developed a close relationship during her stay in his house.

Milla was supposed to have spent most of her pregnancy in Dr. Tamayo's home here but had her baby delivered at the provincial hospital after she developed complications.

The Tamayos had the baby baptized in a Catholic church here.

"She knew the priest who got her pregnant. She told me so," Tamayo said without elaborating.

No thanks

After Milla gave birth, the Tamayos then contacted her mother and arranged her trip to the country to fetch Rita.

According to Tamayo, it was Milla's mother who took her and the baby back to the United States.

"We never heard from her, not even a thank you since then," he said.

He said he tried to meet Milla when he went to the United States for a convention in 1986, but she never entertained his calls.

While he was reading an INQUIRER story about his brother's supposed involvement in the sex scandal, Tamayo asked whether there were any pictures of Rita and her daughter.

Told that other newspapers carried the pictures of the two, Tamayo said in jest: "I'd like to see how her daughter looks like now. I'm sure she doesn't have Filipino features."

Father Tamayo last visited the Philippines in December 1983 to join his parents in their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

Milla was already back in the United States when the priest flew to the Philippines.

"News about the scandal came out there while he was here," Dr. Tamayo said. He blamed other Filipinos living in LA for putting his brother in a bad light.

He said his brother could have courted a lot of envy from the Filipino communities after earning stature as the first Filipino priest to lead a big Catholic congregation in a foreign shore.

"If my brother really wanted to cover this up, he would just have advised Milla to have her baby aborted," he said.

At one point, Dr. Tamayo disclosed that his brother could have gotten involved with Milla but quickly added that priests are ordinary men who are vulnerable to sin.

The Tamayos come from a clan of government servants here. Father Tamayo was the eldest in a brood of seven, one of whom was the late Laoag Mayor Ernesto Tamayo.

No one from the second generation of Tamayos seemed to be familiar with the past life of their relative priest back in the United States.

Laoag Councillor Joseph Tamayo, the priest's first cousin, said he was in grade school when Father Tamayo migrated to the United States.

"I know nothing about these reports. But our family is of the clannish type such that we would close ranks whenever trouble arises within the family," he said.

In Ilocos Sur, Fr. Vicente Avila, president of the association of parish priests in the province, said he did not believe that Father Tamayo could commit that indiscretion.

Avila, a former student of Father Tamayo in the minor seminary in Vigan City, described Tamayo as "friendly, intelligent and a good mathematics teacher."

Avila said after a short stint in Magsingal town as assistant parish priest, he never heard of Father Tamayo until the scandal broke out.

With a report from Leoncio Balbin Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

DISCOVER BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES!

Uncover your potentials as an entrepreneur and be your own boss.

Let TLRC show you how.

TLRC offers you more than 200 business courses to choose from.

SCHEDULE OF COURSES FOR MAY 2002

Homebusiness Courses

- May 14-15 Organizing Party Funfare as a Business (with Balloon Decor)
- May 14-17 Silkscreen Printing
- May 14-17 Starting a Restaurant Business (with field trip)
- May 16-17 Hair Trimming, Perming, Dyeing and Make-up Techniques
- May 16-18 How to Start and Manage a Pre-school (with field trip)
- May 17-19 Professional Housekeeping (Home, Hotel and Shipping Vessel) (with field trip)
- May 18-19 Laundry Soap and Detergents (in cooperation with ITDI/DOST)
- May 18-19 Decorative Candle Making (in cooperation with ITDI/DOST)
- May 18-19 Jewelry Appraisal and Pawnshop Operation
- May 18-19 Advanced and Latest Trends in Floral Design (Flower Arrangement) (Pre-requisite: basic knowledge of flower arrangement)
- May 21 Setting up a Travel Agency
- May 21-24 Operating a Retail Store Business (with field trip)
- May 21-24 Fiberglass Products Manufacturing
- May 22-23 Ideal Shop Management and Meat Cutting (with field trip)
- May 23-24 Reflexology
- May 23-24 Basic Reservation and Ticketing for Travel Agencies (with field trip)
- May 24 Franchising a Business
- May 25-26 Aroma Candle Making (in cooperation with ITDI/DOST)
- May 25-26 Dollar Trading/Foreign Currency Exchange
- May 25-26 Fresh Flower Arrangement and Flower Shop Operation and Management (with field trip)
- May 25-26 Operating a Laundry Shop Business (Small-Scale) (with field trip)

Sessions are held daily in fully air-conditioned rooms.

Course fees are inclusive of handouts, materials and field trips, when needed. Free flowing coffee, and post-training services.

All training participants get special discounts on TLRC-produced livelihood publications and video courses.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
Techniques of the Philippines
TECHNOLOGY and LIVELIHOOD RESOURCE CENTER
The Power of Knowledge

Agri/Aqua Courses

- May 14-15 Dog Breeding with Buy-Back Scheme (with field trip) (in cooperation with Bio-Research)
- May 14-16 Broiler Production (Meat Type Chicken) (with field trip)
- May 15-16 Breeding and Culture of Freshwater Aquarium Fishes (with field trip)
- May 21-23 Animal Feed Formulation and Production (with field trip)
- May 22-23 Intensive Culture of Tilapia in Tanks (with field trip)
- May 25-26 Swine Production (with field trip)

Food Courses

- May 15-16 Basic Meat Processing
- May 16-19 Commercial Breadmaking and Bakery Management
- May 21-23 How to be a Canteen Concessionaire
- May 21-24 Home Bakeshop
- May 24 Flavored and Fortified Juice
- May 25-26 Basic Meat Processing

Call us today at tels.: 633-5709; 633-6728; 633-4108 to 12 and 633-4018 to 22. Better still, visit our website at www.tlrc.gov.ph

Room 805, 8th Flr. Citystate Centre Bldg., 709 Shaw Blvd., Pasig City (near Rizal Capitol Rotunda)



PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

NOTICE

ATTENTION: ALL DEPOSITORS OF THE COOPERATIVE BANK OF LANAO DEL SUR, MARAWI CITY

Pursuant to Section 6(h) of R.A. 3591, as amended (otherwise known as the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) Charter), the Board of Directors of the PDIC in its Resolution No. 2002-03-032 dated 20 March 2002, effective 11 May 2002, terminated the insured status of the Cooperative Bank of Lanao del Sur, Marawi City for its continued failure and/or refusal to pay the assessments required under R.A. 3591, as amended.

Pursuant to said Section, no new deposits nor additions to existing deposits upon termination, shall be deemed as insured deposits. However, all insured deposits, less all subsequent withdrawals, shall continue to be deemed as insured for a period of ninety (90) days reckoned from the date of the termination of the bank's insured status, or until 09 August 2002.

PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Philippine Airlines flies to Tagbilaran - where mysterious coral and shell fragments have formed into hills and turn brown every summer.

The Chocolate Hills of Tagbilaran, Bohol. The view is breathtaking; its origins, still a mystery.

Starting May 17, 2002 Philippine Airlines flies you to scenic Tagbilaran every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday. From Manila, our B737-300 aircraft departs at 3:00 pm and arrives at 4:15 pm.

In Tagbilaran, enjoy her famous river cruise, tour of Chocolate Hills and visits to old churches. Departure from Tagbilaran is at 5:00 pm and arrival in Manila is at 6:15 pm.

Manila-Tagbilaran-Manila. A most fascinating trip.



Philippine Airlines

It's about experience
www.philippineairlines.com

Please call PAL Reservations in Manila at 855-8888 and in Bohol at 411-2232, 411-4226, 411-3552, visit the nearest PAL Ticket Office or call your Travel Agent.

Joker says Loi has immunity

LAWYER Rene Saguisag's warning to the Senate about the courts impinging on its parliamentary immunity elicited support from administration Sen. Joker Arroyo.

In a press statement, Arroyo said Sen. Luisa "Loi" Ejercito cannot be ordered to appear before the Sandiganbayan for a privilege speech she delivered at the Senate criticizing the judiciary.

"The Constitution is very clear and peremptory," said Arroyo.



ARROYO

He cited Section 11, Article VI which states that "no member (of Congress) shall be questioned nor be held liable



EJERCITO

in any other place for any speech or debate in the Congress or in any committee thereof."

The Sandiganbayan

has ordered Ejercito, her husband jailed ex-President Joseph Estrada, their son Jinggoy, and the Estradas' former lawyers, Saguisag and Raymond Fortun, to appear before it on Wednesday to answer contempt charges filed by Plunderwatch.

They are charged with openly attacking the integrity of the judicial system, particularly the Sandiganbayan and the Supreme Court.

In the speech she delivered on March 12, Ejercito accused the Supreme Court of bias

against her husband who is being tried for the capital offense of plunder.

Arroyo said Ejercito, through her lawyer, can simply invoke her parliamentary immunity when the contempt citation is heard.

"That should end the matter," he said.

He said the advocacy on the issue by Saguisag, a former senator himself, deserved to be supported.

Arroyo was one of the chief House prosecutors in the impeachment trial that preceded the ouster of Estrada.

Rocky Nazareno

Attainable PABX P9,500
Only P9,500
THAT WORKS WONDERS!

With smart features:

- ✓ Call Transfer
- ✓ Intercom
- ✓ Up to 3 Lines & 3 Locals
- ✓ On-hold Music
- ✓ NDD / IDD Restriction
- ✓ Other modes (up to 128 locals) available

1-YEAR FULL WARRANTY

INFINITE Systems-Technology Corp.

Call Now! 892-9073 to 75

Shape up without sweating it out!

Kankunis®

Herbal Tea

A cup a day helps keep the fat away

Mercury drug, asap members, Supermarkets and Groceries nationwide.

Exclusively distributed by DIAMOND LABORATORIES, INC.
e-mail: diayond@manila.com.ph

I enrolled my 5 year-old son in the KUMON Math Program in 1997. I was so impressed with the role that Kumon played in establishing his over all self-confidence, that several years later, I decided to become part of the Kumon family of instructors.

Being a Kumon instructor has its share of joys and challenges. For one, my patience has grown over time as I work with children. There is no greater fulfillment in realizing that I am making a difference in the life of a child. As a Kumon instructor, I observe that every child has different needs, and Kumon, as an individualized method, gives me the opportunity to mentor each one uniquely. With hard work and prayer, I help children to be self-confident, independent and persevering learners — important elements of success.

Come join us and make a significant and positive difference in the life of our children!

Mia L. Taca
Kumon Franchisee / Instructor
Muntinlupa City

We will be having FREE Franchise Orientation Seminars from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- May 17 - (Friday) and 21 (Tuesday)
- June 7 (Friday) and 11 (Tuesday)

You can be a center owner if you have the following qualifications:

- Female
- College or University Graduate
- With good Math and English skills
- 25 to 45 years old
- Strong drive to help children
- Excellent interpersonal skills

For seat reservations, contact us on or before May 15 for the May seminars, and on or before June 5 for the June seminars.

Be a KUMON Center Owner now!

KUMON PHILIPPINES, INC.

19/F Philamlife Tower
8767 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City
Tel.: (02)885-0226 to 29 Fax: (02)885-0251
E-mail Address: inquiries@kumon.com.ph
Website: www.kumon.com.ph

The multi-tasking phone for multi-faceted offices

store shop



The Smith Corona Work Ready Telemaster. Available at all storeshop branches. For more information please call: 372-4484

Hear the voice of Summer

Your voice and Magic Videoke Microphone

with one year WARRANTY

Your Own Handy-Oke

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL:
STERN BRAVO TRADING CORPORATION
Bldg 903 RICHBELT TOWER, 17 Annapolis St., Greenhills, San Juan, M. M.
(632) 722-8786 • (632) 722-8052

EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY
4/F, Manila Ayal Tower, 1330 Taft Avenue corner Padre Faura, 1000 Manila
521-8236; 523-6465; 524-6813

Get Hold of your Dream Hit It Big with EDA's Help

When you take a seminar at EDA, your complete satisfaction is guaranteed because it is our TOP PRIORITY. At EDA, we give our partners and friends the following:

- WE OFFER QUALITY TRAINING PROGRAMS. Our course is researched and designed by professional educators.
- WE OFFER TOP TRAINORS AND VALUE FOR MONEY. We believe that quality need not be expensive.

SCHEDULE OF SEMINARS FOR MAY, 2002

ACCOUNTING FOR NON-ACCOUNTANTS			
May 16 - June 15, 2002	Saturday	9:00AM-12:00NN	
May 18 - June 1, 2002	Saturday	1:00PM-5:00PM	
EFFECTIVE PEST MANAGEMENT			
May 18, 2002	Saturday	1:00PM-5:00PM	
EXPORT BUSINESS AND TRADE PRACTICES			
May 18 - June 1, 2002	Saturday	1:00PM-5:00PM	
CREDIT AND COLLECTION MANAGEMENT			
May 20 - 31, 2002	M-W-F	6:00PM-8:00PM	
SUPERVISORY DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING			
May 20 - 31, 2002	M-W-F	6:00PM-8:00PM	
BUSINESS LETTERS AND REPORT WRITING			
May 20 - 31, 2002	M-W-F	6:00PM-8:00PM	
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE			
May 25 - June 8, 2002	Saturday	1:00PM-5:00PM	
TIME AND PRIORITY MANAGEMENT			
May 25, 2002	Saturday	1:00PM-5:00PM	
GETTING AND MAINTAINING EMPLOYEE COMMITMENT			
May 25, 2002	Saturday	1:00PM-5:00PM	

EDA Seminars are accredited by CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
EDA Courses are also available on Tutorial or In-house basis

BPI Card



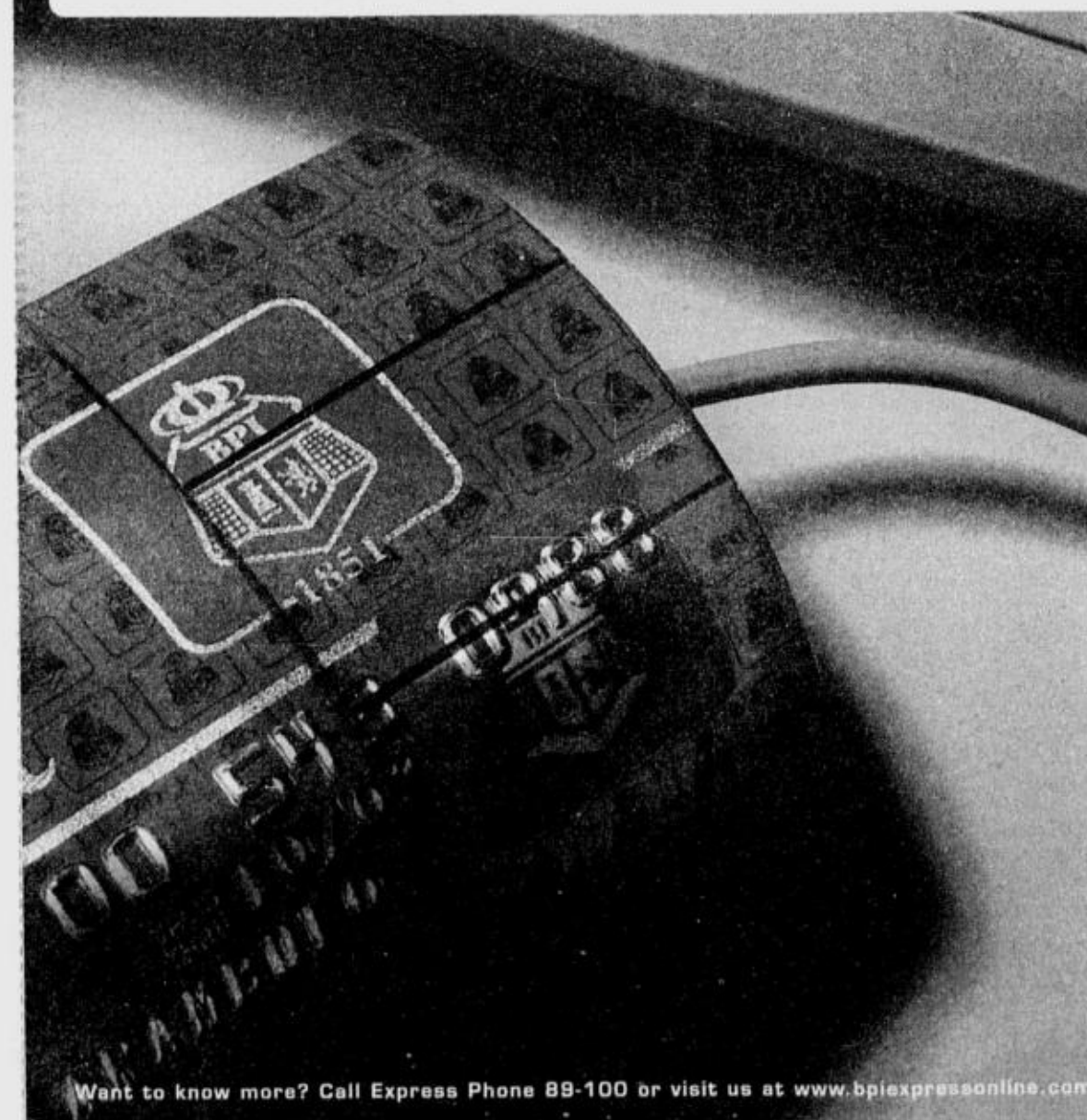
From April 24 to November 30, 2002, avail of **BPI Credit Cards' Tuition Installment Plan Plus (TIP+)** and you can win back the amount you paid for tuition up to P50,000.00, or win one of 10 Informatics scholarship packages worth P20,000 each or one of 5 personal computers with printers.

To join, you must avail of TIP+ anytime between April 24 to November 30 this year. Raffle draw is on December 16, 2002 at the 17th Floor, BPI Card Center in Makati.

BACK TO SCHOOL WIN BACK YOUR TUITION

TIP+

Avail of BPI Credit Cards' Tuition Installment Plan + and get a chance to win a tuition refund, Informatics Scholarships and PCs with printers!



What is BPI Credit Cards' Tuition Installment Plan Plus (TIP+)?
BPI Credit Cards' TIP+ is an exclusive BPI Credit Card facility that helps you pay for your tuition and other school-related expenses at easy-to-manage flexible payment terms, anywhere from 3 to 12 months. And you can be sure you're enjoying low low interest rates.

How do you avail of BPI Credit Cards' TIP+?
You may avail of BPI Credit Cards' Tuition Installment Plan+ by simply reimbursing your tuition and other school-related expenses. All you have to do is fax the following to 898-9499 or 898-9448:

- The tuition receipt or assessment form and/or official receipt of books, shoes, uniform and other related school expenses
- a duly accomplished TIP+ charge form which you may get from BPI Card's Customer Service Dept., 14/F BPI Card Center in Makati



BPI Credit Cards

With special thanks to:

INFORMATICS COMPUTER INSTITUTE

VCS VillMan
www.villman.com

Take advantage of this convenient payment facility today!

Only from BPI Credit Cards.

Hurry and apply for a BPI Credit Card!

See posters and mailers for details.
Per D11 - NCR Permit No. 1540, Series of 2002.

Want to know more? Call Express Phone 89-100 or visit us at www.bpiexpressonline.com

EUGENIA
D. APOSTOL
Founding
Chairman

INQUIRER

Vol. 16 No. 154
ISSN
0116-2642

OPINION

e-mail: feedback@inquirer.com.ph website: http://www.inq7.net

The PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER, INC. has its business and editorial offices at
• Chino Roces Ave. corner Yague and Mascardo Sts., Makati City
• P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City
• Our telephone numbers are 897-8808 connecting all departments
• Editorial Fax 897-4793 / 897-4794 • Advertising 897-4807
• Circulation 527-3342 / 527-3348 / 528-0183 /
528-0186 and 528-0213 / Fax: 528-0234.



Publisher **ISAGANI YAMBOT**
Editor in Chief **LETTY JIMENEZ-MAGSANOC**
Managing Editor **JOSE MA. D. NOLASCO**
Associate Editor **ABELARDO S. ULANDAY**
News Editor **ARTEMIO T. ENGRACIA JR.**
Opinion Editor **JORGE V. ARUTA**
Assistant News Editor **NILO B. PAUROM**
National Editor **PERGENTINO B. BANDAYREL JR.**
City Editor **GERRY LIRIO**
Senior Desktop **ROSARIO A. GARCELLANO**
Editorial Consultant **AMANDO DORONILA**
Chief Photographer **ERNIE U. SARMIENTO**
Art & Design Director **LYNETT A. VILLARIBA**

Board Chairman **MARIXI R. PRIETO**
President **ALEXANDRA PRIETO-ROMUALDEZ**
Senior Vice President for Sales and Marketing **RENATO R. REINOSO**
Senior Vice President for Corporate Services **DAVID O. VALDES**
VP for Advertising **FELIPE R. OLARTE**
AVP for Circulation **GLORIA P. LARDIZABAL**

All rights reserved. Subject to the conditions provided for by law, no article or photograph published by the Philippine Daily Inquirer may be reprinted or reproduced, in whole or in part, without its prior consent.

Arlyn's fate

WHO abducted TV reporter Arlyn de la Cruz? This question is the subject of a Senate inquiry, but we won't be surprised if the probe quickly turns into an investigation into the former hostage's credibility as a journalist, and then finally into an occasion for a lecture on the responsibilities of journalism.

It's only a question of which senator will be first to rise to the occasion.

In many ways, the case of De la Cruz is the perfect subject of a lecture. Abducted on Jan. 20, she was released to the custody of Senate Majority Leader Loren Legarda on April 27. Throughout her 98-day ordeal, the reporter best known for her Abu Sayyaf-related scoops was hounded by unflattering speculation: from indifferent military officials, from unimpressed politicians and (most galling of all) from skeptical colleagues in media. Much of the very public speculation could be reduced to one short question: Did she stage her own disappearance?

Her recent experience, then, is first and foremost a case study on the limits of credibility. We do not mean to dispute her account; the Senate investigators will be in a better position to assess it. We only mean to point out that the truth of a given report is not the only thing that determines whether the reporter is credible or not. The reporter's own reputation also shapes the way the public receives his report.

Most journalists continue to labor in welcome obscurity; for their readers or viewers or listeners, their reputation isn't so much a personal attribute as a corporate one. The public trusts them because the public trusts the news brand that carries their work to paper or screen or station or site. It doesn't matter whether the brand is that of an international wire service with dozens of bureaus around the world or a guerrilla website operating out of a garage, as long as the brand is seen as trustworthy.

But there are some journalists whose reputation for news is perceived by the ordinary media consumer as personal in nature. The phenomenon is clearest in the case of TV news anchors. In the United States, Walter Cronkite of CBS was quite famously the most trusted man of his time, often rumored to be this or that party's candidate for vice president. In the Philippines, of course, we have two members of the Senate, Legarda herself and Noli de Castro, whose election experience demonstrates the phenomenon beyond a doubt.

De la Cruz is a journalist whose work has brought her out of the ranks of the obscure. Her reputation has grown to the extent where it is seen by the ordinary media consumer as a function of her own person, no mean feat. But—and here is the truly sad part—it has also suffered from an occupational hazard most often associated with beat reporters. Her reputation was built and is maintained on one type of story. In this case: the Abu Sayyaf hostage crisis.

Her unparalleled access to the bandit group has given her unforgettable stories; but because this came to be seen as her only stock in trade, it has also prompted unflattering speculation about her closeness to the bandits, especially to Khaddafy Janjalani, whom she calls by his nickname "Daf." She knows this, of course. In fact, the working title of the book she has been working on for more than a year is "My Affair with the Abu Sayyaf."

The coy nature of her relationship with her prize sources has not gone unnoticed.

"While the Abu Sayyaf (bandits) were indeed legitimate news subjects and sources, there do appear to be ethical violations in a supposedly objective journalist serving at the same time as a press agent for a gang of terrorists and kidnappers," columnist Rina Jimenez-David wrote a month ago.

Press agency is just about the exact opposite of old-fashioned journalism. While De la Cruz may be guilty of nothing more sinister than an inappropriate closeness to her source, her work has lent itself to interpretations that take a sordid turn. A journalist's credibility is built either quickly—through a dramatic story, such as Tom Wicker's on the day John F. Kennedy was assassinated or Maki Pulido's on the day Joseph Estrada fled the Palace—or painstakingly, through story after routine story. It is lost in the same way. Once lost, however, it is—like an Abu Sayyaf hostage in the middle of the jungle—difficult to recover.



Why the forced takeovers of electric co-ops?

PRIESTS have been in the news lately because of the sex scandals in the United States and here involving members of the clergy. Also being clobbered in the news media are the Meralco and the National Power Corp. because of the purchased power adjustment that doubles the electric bills of consumers. Not noticed so much is the anomalous situation among many electric cooperatives in the provinces (worse than the PPA of Meralco and Napocor) and the priest who rides herd over them. That priest is Fr. Francisco Silva, appointed in September 2001 as administrator of the National Electrification Administration which supervises all electric cooperatives in the country.

Father Silva was a successful general manager of the Cebu Electric Cooperative, which was the reason he was appointed NEA administrator. In fact, he had the distinction of being the only person who is the manager of more than one rural electric co-op. He had been running three electric co-ops in Cebu, Cebeco I, II and III.

Remember the blackout in Boracay and Aklan because the Napocor cut off the power supply to Aklan Electric Co-op. (Akelco) when it could not pay its bills to the Napocor and a NEA team raided, broke into and took over the main office of Akelco? That was the handiwork of NEA Administrator Silva.

That is the style of Father Silva, now dubbed as "the takeover artist." In eight months as NEA administrator, he has already taken over more electric cooperatives than the last three administrators combined. Cempelco in Pangasinan, in Nueva Ecija, in Lanao, in Albay, Ceneco in Bacolod and Akelco in Kalibo. He made himself acting general manager of all and acting regional director of one.

The clergy was among the staunch opposers of President Marcos when he was ruling the country with martial law, but this one priest is using martial law tactics in taking over electric co-ops.

With increasing boldness after each conquest, Father Silva appears ready to do what it takes to take over a desired electric co-op. It doesn't take much for him to do it: a congressman's complaint, delayed payment to the Napocor, a disliked general manager, claims of mismanagement.

A FRIEND of mine told me this story in Hong Kong a few days ago. He is a Filipino who has lived in Hong Kong for close to nine years, but still longs for the day when he can come home to the Philippines. I say this to suggest that he is not the kind of Filipino expatriate who likes to indulge in sour grapes about this country to feel good about where he is.

He once had a problem with a couple of Cathay Pacific tickets that he had bought for himself and his son. He could not use the ticket on the reserved date because something came up. Automatically, neither could his son because he was accompanying him. Anxious about forfeiting them, he went to the nearest Cathay Pacific office and apprised a clerk, a young Chinese woman, of his problem. Without hesitation, the clerk gave him a broad range of options.

He could always return the tickets and get a refund, the clerk said. But that would take a bit of time (a few weeks) and paperwork (things to be signed). Alternatively, he could reserve for another date, when he was reasonably sure he could make it. Still, alternatively, he could keep the tickets open, and they would be honored within five years. The clerk gave him a couple more options, which my friend could no longer remember. But he was amazed, my friend said, at the level of confidence of the clerk. Clearly, she knew her job.

He had a roughly similar problem while he was here some years ago. He had some loose ends to tie up and couldn't make a flight one day. So he went to the nearest PAL office to see what he could do with his ticket. He came across a clerk and apprised him of his problem. The clerk scratched his head and looked thoroughly discomfited. He did not know about these things, he said, he was just a clerk. Maybe, he suggested, my friend would like to talk to his boss. Unfortunately, his boss had just left his office. Nobody seemed to know where he was, or when he would be back.

Not being the wiser for his pains, my friend decided to do what he could about his obliga-

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz



Many ECs indeed suffer from mismanagement in varying degrees. And complaints are part and parcel of most ECs. They have always been a battleground for local politics. About half of the ECs are behind their payments to the Napocor. It is actually NEA's job to find an overall solution to these problems. Taking them over and changing general managers is not, however, the end-all and be-all solution. Financial and operational problems of ECs go deeper and reflect the overall malaise and deficiencies in the electric service sector.

Take for instance the horrific systems losses of ECs where 30 percent of the power they buy from the Napocor is lost through pilferage and the inefficient network. Many ECs failed to lessen their system losses because the NEA itself mismanaged the \$200-million procurement of needed materials in 1994 to 1997. The World Bank-funded project was designed to make the ECs efficient in time for the stricter caps under the anti-pilferage act. Now many ECs are teetering on the brink of bankruptcy because they have to absorb systems losses that exceed the limit.

One notorious exploit of the NEA was the P1-billion woodpole contract given in the mid 1990s to an obscure bidder named PT Cebu Woodstone which turned out to be a small sawmill in Indonesia. It reneged on that contract. When the NEA was forced to call the performance bond, the Prudential Bank in Dumaguete claimed it was fake. The NEA failed to prosecute the Cebuano perpetrators despite the serious damage to the government's rural electrification program. Father Silva was a member of that NEA board that awarded the contract.

Now the NEA under Father Silva has awarded another P500-million woodpole contract not to the lowest bidder but to the highest bidder, according to Nerwin Industries, the low-

est bidder, which filed an anti-graft and corruption charge against the NEA administrator. And it is true that Father Silva recently increased the NEA-approved buying prices by 20 percent for selected items like woodpoles and conductors to accommodate certain Cebu suppliers?

And is it true that there is a band of NEA guards that is now surreptitiously building another "NEA" through a noble-sounding venture called Rural Electrification Finance Corp. or REFC? The supposed purpose is to provide much-needed loans to credit-worthy electric co-ops.

Is it true that Father Silva signed an unauthorized memorandum of agreement with REFC during a recent visit to the United States in which it was agreed that the NEA will share EC assets as collateral with the REFC? This major financial agreement was allegedly done without NEA board approval or without the knowledge of its chair, Energy Secretary Vincent Perez. True or not?

What is the danger of a collateral-sharing agreement between the NEA and the REFC? It will effectively make the REFC the exclusive lender to ECs. A veritable Trojan horse, once the REFC gains access to EC assets, there is nothing to stop it from making the credit agreement with ECs to be so broad as to give REFC administrative powers like those of the NEA. With Father Silva at the helm of the NEA, he can make sure that no other lender can gain access or get favorable agreements with the NEA of the ECs. And the more ECs, NEA takes over, the more captive customers the REFC is going to have. Get the picture?

And is it also true that the NEA has targeted Akelco, so it can eventually turn it over to Father Silva's long-time patrons, the Abotizes of Davao Light? Other possible targets are Daneco in Tagum, Masbate; Beneco in Baguio; Cempelco in Pangasinan; and Ceneco in Bacolod. Meralco has been eyeing Batelco I and II in Batangas and Fleco in Laguna.

The NEA's forced takeovers appear to be designed to deny the duly elected EC directors their rightful mandate to decide the fate of their electric co-ops.

Is the takeover and sell-off of ECs another clever play to raise campaign funds for 2004? There are 113 electric cooperatives all over the country.

Common sense

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros



tions and rushed to the airport that same day. He got there five minutes late, and got fined \$50. As it turned out, his ticket had restrictions, and being late was deemed equivalent to no-show. He could appreciate strictness, my friend said, but coming as it did after much head-scratching and finger-pointing, he was very pissed. But he could do nothing, he charged all \$50 to experience.

It's those small things that kill, my friend observed completely soberly while gulping beer. Much of what is called efficiency, he theorized, was in the end really just common sense. What makes Hong Kong efficient? What makes Singapore efficient? What makes the developed countries efficient? Well, many things, he answered his own question, but one of them is simply that their people do the work they are paid to do. Which is also to say, their people know the work they are paid to do. They make it their business to do so.

The day we take pride in our work, the day we take our jobs seriously, he predicted is the day we get ahead. It's the day we too will be known for efficiency and professionalism.

His words buzzed around my head for days after that. It's true, I thought, we tend not to take pride in our work for the most part. We tend not to know our work, or to want to, for the most part. There are of course exceptions to the rule, and the reason they appear to us as marvelous is that they are exceptions. A Metro Manila aide shows devotion to cleaning her area of jurisdiction, and it is something to behold. A taxi driver takes on any passenger, regardless of where she is going, and remains reasonably polite and cheerful, and he de-

serves a medal. A clerk in an electronics shop, or video shop, or indeed airline, knows exactly what you are looking for or want to know, and you are bowled over by the miracle.

If that is true of the private sector, it is even truer of the public one. Aided in no small way by the fact that it is next to impossible to fire anyone there. If the security of tenure provided by civil service rules doesn't prove ironclad, you can always offer a sob story about mouths to feed. It never fails to tug at the heart, particularly when coupled with reminders about the meagerness of government pay. That is the even more phenomenal contrast, the efficiency and professionalism of civil service in places like Hong Kong and the ineptitude and corruption of ours. It has often been explained as the differential legacy of the British and American systems, but I leave readers to debate that point.

Suffice it to say here that the results are phenomenal. We take it as the height of supreme accomplishment for any government official to simply do what we pay him or her to do. A fireman puts out a fire without waiting around for someone, preferably a Chinese, to persuade him with liberal inducements to turn on the hose, and we are gratified. A BIR or Customs official manages to assess a company the right amount of taxes or duties, and we have no end of praises for him. A congressman attends sessions in Congress, and even more miraculously on time; a senator does not side-line as an announcer or soap endorser on TV; a secretary is found in the field rather than at parties and a judge finishes a case in reasonably good time; and we publish their names in newspapers alongside their photographs.

A civil servant acts like a servant, or at least civilly, and we turn him into a hero.

My friend is right, much of it is just common sense. The point is not making more rules, or changing them—which makes me wonder about the wisdom of amending the Constitution—the point is following them. There are no limits to how far we can go simply by doing the things we are supposed to do.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002

OPINION



Co-op movement to create strong middle class

EARLIER, this column wrote about an interview with North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol, president of the Mindanao Governors League, wherein he lamented that the share of Mindanao in the 2003 national budget has declined sharply to 10.3 percent from 22 percent in ex-President Ramos' time and even 34 percent in ex-President Estrada's time. This is sad because the big island needs enormous investments if it's to win the battle against poverty and ignorance. Studies show that Mindanao's regions, such as Central and Western Mindanao, Caraga and the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, rank among the country's poorest, along with Eastern Visayas and the Bicol region.

Incidentally, Piñol has sought my help to press the government for the long-overdue investigation of the Air Philippines plane crash in Davao City on April 19, 2000, wherein he lost a sister-in-law and her two children. Piñol lamented that up to now, the truth has not come out about that crash, due to the obstacles being put in the investigation by some powerful forces. He is appealing to the Air Transport Office chief, Brig. Gen. Adelberto Yap (ret.), to open the inquiry in the name of truth and justice to the bereaved families of the victims.

Some quarters have questioned the benefits of the Political Summit that closed last weekend, cynically arguing that it would be business as usual for the politicians. Indeed the recent bickerings in the House over the public works projects do not seem to have taught the politicians a lesson, even though they argue that the system is such that their constituencies want more and more pork projects, or no vote. But what is not appreciated much is the fact that the summit brought together elements that were previously anathema to each other—the politicians and the NGO/civil society groups—in meaningful dialogue in the various workshops. Moreover, certain ideas were articulated that hopefully have sunk into the power-wielders' minds.

For instance, in Workshop IV, on the topic "To-

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan



wards a Prosperous Muslim and Other Cultural Communities," former Youth Commissioner Amina Rasul-Bernardo, who is now a senior fellow of the US Institute of Peace based in Washington, D.C., articulated the need to provide measures for public accountability and transparency, particularly in the handling of public funds and projects in the Muslim region. For decades it has been widely accepted that this lack of accountability has been a major factor in the poor state of the roads and highways in that region, owing to the collusion between politicians and bureaucrats on the funds; in turn, this explains in great part why the Muslim region has remained very poor and undeveloped. Citing this truth was revolutionary enough, but the fact that Muslim leaders such as Amina Bernardo, Lanao Vice Governor Mahid Motilan and Interior Assistant Secretary Abraham Iribani articulated it at the workshop was refreshing.

Every Sunday evening at 9:15, Cecile Guidote Alvarez and I run this program over dzRH wherein we focus on various public or private sector programs that help alleviate poverty in the country. We feel that in the face of so much negativism we'd like to focus on positive efforts to lick poverty, for a change. Over the past two Sundays we featured former Bulacan Gov. Roberto Pagdanganan who has pushed for the cooperatives as the surest way to improve life for the very poor. Obet recently published a book titled "An Urgent Call for Cooperative Revolution," wherein he culled his vast research on and experience in the cooperative movement here and around the world, and which could be considered its bible.

Pagdanganan opined that while the micro-

lending being done by various NGOs such as Project Dunganon and CARD are highly successful in somewhat reducing poverty, by providing rural and urban families the loans to start small businesses, such as *tinda-tinda*, unfortunately they do not create wealth. Obet argues that it is the coop movement that will do this by encouraging the setting up of small and medium-scale enterprises, thus creating capital and savings and eventually, the strong middle class this country badly needs even for political reforms.

Obet cited the Korean cooperative experience which President Kim Dae-Jung acknowledged as a cornerstone of his country's socio-economic progress. Obet cited that an average Korean in 1990 was 638 percent richer than his parents in 1960, and that as of June last year, the Korean farmers' coops' total deposit had reached the equivalent of P3.1 trillion, which is 52 percent bigger than the total deposit of the entire Philippine banking system last year of P2.1 billion. The first step in the Korean's amazing journey from poverty to wealth, he pointed out, was the setting up of an apex bank for agricultural cooperatives, which enabled the farmers' money to stay in the loop.

Pagdanganan's wealth of experience in the coop movement ought to be harnessed by the government in its anti-poverty campaign.

Calling all those alumni who attended the University of the Philippines Padre Faura campus from 1945-1948: there will be a grand lunch-reunion for all classes at the Kamayan Restaurant at the SM Megamall at EDSA, Bldg. A, this Thursday, May 16, at 12 noon. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see classmates in 50 years, it's K.K.B. Contact Raul Consunji, 641-1111 and Tessie Daza, 921-2422. The post-war classes from '45-'48, have produced a lot of prominent graduates, among them, two executive secretaries: Joker Arroyo and Mac Macaraig; a former Vice President, Salvador Laurel; famed culinary expert Nora Daza; outdoor advertising deaconess Tessie Daza; Ambassador to London Cesar Buenaventura and fashion czar Pitoy Moreno.

Photo of a street kid

FOR PHOTOJOURNALISTS, the picture tells the story. No words are needed to convey the message behind the photo. The cutlines or caption is just icing on the cake.

Last May 5, the INQUIRER published the picture of a street child sleeping at Dagupan City's landmark, a fountain featuring a mermaid riding on the product that has made it famous in the country—"bangus" or milkfish.

The photo was taken during the city's celebration of its "bangus" festival where it tried to land in the Guinness Book of World Records for setting up the longest cooking grill in the world.

A kind-hearted Englishman (whose identity I prefer to keep under wraps) was not amused by that photo. He noted that whenever a picture is required for a little light relief, a photo of a street child or children will always fit the bill.

But, he continued, "what I would ask of the photographer and editor involved is...imagine yourself taking a rest in a park and along comes some snap-happy photographer, who while standing directly in front of you, proceeds to take your picture. Now, how would this make you feel?"

"Here we have a street child, who most likely spends his days being ignored by everyone who passes his way. He is perceived as a nuisance, a blot on the landscape, and how we all wish we didn't have to encounter him, except of course when a cute picture is required to help us forget the usual daily dose of killings, kidnappings, war, etc."

The reader further said "street children have their rights violated on a daily basis, particularly by those who are supposed to protect them, and it would seem that even when sleeping they are open to exploitation. In this case, by a media person whom one would have expected to know better."

The reader ended his letter with the request that I give my comments on the points he raised.

Guidelines

Before giving my views, I would like to share with the readers some of the guidelines the newspaper observes in the publication of photos. As suggested by The Miami Herald, the following questions should be asked in deciding whether certain questionable photos should be used:

- What do the pictures really show?
 - What are the readers likely to add or read into their interpretation of the photos' content?
 - What are the circumstances under which the photographs were obtained?
 - How compelling or significant are the photos in terms of what they teach us about the human experience?
 - Do the positive reasons for publishing the photos outweigh the almost certain negative reaction they will elicit from a sizable portion of the readership?
- If you examine these questions closely, you will likely reach the conclusion that they apply to the street child photo that the reader wrote about. Clearly, these questions should be taken into account whenever the photo is "negative" in nature or presents the ugly side of life. Pictures of the "good, happy and beautiful," as long as they are not manufactured or posed, will always pass muster.

Two sides

I have an ambivalent attitude toward the street child photo.

The right side of my brain tells me that the picture deserves publication so the public will know that the problem of street children has reached nationwide proportions.

That social problem is no longer confined to Metro Manila, as many seem to think. It has spread to all parts of the country that have been hit by the blight of urban congestion. It's worse in areas beset by secessionist and insurgency problems.

The left side of my brain, however, is sending me the message that it is not fair to the street children to be photographed and shown to the public in such a depressing condition. They are as much entitled to respect as their more well-off counterparts in our society.

It's bad enough that they have been neglected and abandoned by their parents and the government. Giving publicity to their sad plight only adds to their already miserable condition.

The efforts of the Department of Social Welfare and Development to take the street children off the streets do not seem to be reaping fruitful results. Right after they are rounded up, given some material provisions and restored to their homes, they return to their former haunts. The cycle seems to have gained its own unstoppable momentum.

Public attention

Let's take a second look at the questions that I earlier mentioned should be answered in deciding whether a controversial photo should be published or not. Here are my answers to the questions.

On what the picture really shows, it shows that the street children problem in our country is serious. It cannot be ignored without endangering the future of the youth of our land.

What will the readers likely read into their interpretation of the photo's content? They will see that the national and local governments have not done enough to solve this social blight.

As to the circumstances under which the photo was taken, it cannot be denied that it was done without the subject's consent. The photographer intruded into his privacy.

How significant is the photo in terms of human experience? Very significant. It highlights the irrationality of spending huge sums of money to chase some dubious world record. The money could have more productively been used for the benefit of the street children.

Finally, on whether the positive reasons outweigh the negative for publishing the photo, I think calling the public's attention to this social problem is more important than making sure people enjoy their breakfast when they read the INQUIRER.

All told, I believe the street child photo deserved to be published. Whatever sins of omission may have been committed by the photographer were more than compensated for by his making the public aware that the problem of street children is real and should be addressed immediately by the government.

The readers' advocate may be reached at the following address: "The Readers' Advocate" c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascarido Streets, Makati City. Or through fax nos. 897-4793 to 94, or readersadvocate@inquirer.com.ph.

The war that no one remembers

THAT is how the award-winning television journalist Howie Severino, in his stirring documentary, describes the Battle of Bayang that took place on May 2, 1902. Make that nineteen-forgotten. For who remembers the Battle of Bayang? Nay, who knows about the battle at all? Would anyone even care to know where Bayang is? Severino's account probably makes up for what history textbooks have failed to inform us.

Bayang is a lovely little mountaintop town on the Lake Lanao countryside. To get there, one traverses the lakeside circumferential road across some of the most beautiful sceneries in the entire Philippines. The view from the lakeside ridge rivals Tagaytay, including the crisp mountain air. In one segment, the highway overlooks the azure lake and Balt island, owned by the Balt family who are natives of Bayang. I wondered how many Christian Filipinos would ever care to see what we saw.

The Battle of Bayang took place during the Moro-American Wars. Even the name "Moro-American Wars" is a vacuum among our national historians. There is the Philippine-American War, but that ended—depending on whose account you read—with Emilio Aguinaldo's surrender in Palanan, Isabela on March 23, 1901, or with Theodore Roosevelt's proclamation of July 4, 1902 as officially ending the war, but that did not apply to the Moro areas. This is a classic case of saying "in the absence of a better term..." In the divide-and-conquer culture that we have been colonially accustomed to, such acts of heroism have been taken separately instead of holistically. The Moro-American Wars should now be made part of the archives of the Philippine-American War.

Hundreds of Moro nationalists died in the Battle of Bayang a hundred years ago, including the brave Sultan of Bayang. When the American forces entered the Lake Lanao countryside in 1902, the Maranao entrenched themselves in earthenwork fortifications, thinking that the entry of a foreign culture would threaten their Islamic way of life. In

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Antonio J. Montalvan II



every sense they were correct. Unlike our Christian political culture, Islam does not separate the sacred from the secular, something which the occupying Americans failed to understand, something which we, the Christian majority, continue to misunderstand about them to this day.

This forgotten war could have remained forgotten, if not for the consciousness of a group of young Bayang descendants who call themselves the "Moriatao Diwan" (descendants of Diwan, believed to have been the earliest inhabitants of the place). With the help of the National Historical Institute, the centennial commemoration was planned in a very unique way: in every step of the way, the planners had to consult the present Sultan and his council of the seven datus of Bayang. Such respect for the traditional indigenous institution was something which the Americans of a hundred years ago deliberately supplanted, sneering at Maranao royalty as petty.

At the colorful commemorative rites held last May 2, the 25-year-old mayor of Bayang, Mohammad Aquil Alonto Mamante, explained how his people hold dear the memories of that war. It was only then that I understood its profound historicity to the Maranao: "It was in the plains of Karbala, Iraq, 61 years after the death of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), that his grandson Imam Hussein defied the tyrant Umayyad ruler of the time. Imam Hussein and his 72 followers refused to surrender to the Umayyads, preferring instead to taste the sweet death of martyrdom. All were slaughtered brutally in the scorching heat of Karbala desert... The

Battle of Bayang evokes the tragedy of Karbala in 61 AH (Anno Hijrah). That is the reason why the site on which the martyrs of Bayang fell has been reverently called as Padang Karbala. "Padang" is a Malay word that means "place." Hence, Padang Karbala literally means "place of Karbala" but in its figurative sense it also means "the place where another Karbala took place."

Then known as Fort Pandapatan, the battle site's earthenworks remain preserved today, now honored with a national historical marker to remind us of the *shahada* (Arabic for martyrdom) of those who perished in the Battle of Padang Karbala in Bayang.

The Maranao scholar and contemporary historian, Datu Norodin Alonto Lucman, whose late father, the close Ninoy Aquino associate Rashid Lucman who died in exile in Saudi Arabia and who was once the Sultan sa Bayang, wrote in his book "Moro Archives" how most northerners are bereft of information about the Moro people which is why they are misunderstood. I would like to think that national history is no different. Moro history remains hidden and untold because of our various prejudices and ignorance of the Moro.

Moro anti-colonial resistance is probably one of the most impressive in our own national history. That is why there is every reason to remember the Battle of Bayang. There is every reason why each and every student of Philippine history must know Padang Karbala. If history textbooks tell us about the Battle of Tirad Pass, or the Battle of Alapan in Cavite, why not the Battle of Bayang? If our Luzon-based heroes are glorified today, why not the Sultan of Bayang and his hundreds of patriots who perished in that war and who lie in their mass graves?

The rewriting of Filipino history can be one potent tool for fruitful Muslim-Christian dialogue. Salaam.

Comments to montaj@snl.ph

Moral values of a science education

PEOPLE have been asking me why I attacked the Department of Education last week for its recent massive cuts in science teaching in the public schools. Some reminded me of my supposed partiality, or even admiration, for the former senator, Raul Roco, who now runs that hapless portfolio. "And isn't he one of the good guys?" a well-known civil society savant asked me? Well, yes and maybe, but that's a *non sequitur*, I say.

Still, Secretary Raul Roco was man enough early last week, unlike most of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's Cabinet, to personally take responsibility for his department's moves. In a television interview on ANC's Pointblank program with Ces Drilon, Secretary Roco stood up for the new curriculum, but made it clear that nothing is cast in concrete, and everything will be up for review next year. I take this to mean that public school students have a good chance of getting back those deleted billion hours of science learning in the 2003-2004 school year.

I am confident that the right thing can and will be done, in the fullness of time, since the new curriculum will have a whole year of piloting and won't be implemented without continuing scrutiny and evaluation by everyone, in all subject areas.

Roco also pointed out how recent public opinion surveys have rated the DepEd tops in trustworthiness, due to reforms in public bidding procedures, including the symbolic junking of a windowless office where bids and contracts used to be reviewed. He deserves the credit reflected in the surveys for combating corruption at the DepEd.

But he may have gone out on a limb during the TV interview when he trotted out our favorite *consuelo de bobo* of having a very high literacy rate of 94 percent. We shall see our true state in this regard, from the results of PIRLS (Progress in International Reading Literacy Survey), in which about 40 countries and the Philippines participated in 2001 with thousands of randomly selected Filipino students and hundreds of thousands worldwide. The results are eagerly awaited.

COMMENTARY

Dean Jorge Bocobo

But I never believed that the new Basic Education Curriculum, with its gaping hole in the head, could be completely Roco's handiwork, as the process of designing it began several education secretaries back, and stretching all the way back to Aquino and Ramos era commissions that supposedly studied the educational system. But if there is a blackhand here, and I mean to be less than intriguing, it must be the coterie of Opus Dei operatives that infiltrated the curriculum development machinery and led the good secretary down a garden path to perdition.

I have just entered the realm of speculation, of course, but I do know that the curriculum being piloted is not exactly what was being prepared just up until Roco became the education secretary. I find it a persuasive and plausible theory that Opus Dei ultra-rightists caused the cuts in science teaching in the Basic Education Curriculum for obscure, but surely and deeply, misguided reasons.

Here is my reconstruction of what could have happened. Several bigwigs from the *biglang*—University of Asia and the Pacific gained control of the curriculum development process after they kicked out what was left of Bro. Andrew Gonzales' administration. These were the guys that insisted on the cuts in science teaching during Undersecretary Fe Hidalgo's curriculum committee deliberations. Opus Dei apparently is more influential now with Roco than even the traditional powerhouses of De La Salle, the Ateneo, San Beda and UST, where science and mathematics education thrive. In comparison, the science departments at the University of Asia and Pacific are intellectual ghettos. What is more, the school discriminates against children of single parents, thus punishing the innocent.

Opus Dei does not in any way, shape or form, represent the broad and beautiful cross section of Catholic educators across the country. Personally, I am forever indebted to many religious educators and teachers who first awakened in me a love of mathematics and science, as well as poetry and history and philosophy. Today, those same Prometheans will comply with the Basic Education Curriculum not by lowering their science standards to DepEd's anemic science program, but by exceeding them, as usual.

The rank and file of Catholic teachers and educators know that important moral and social values can actually best be taught in mathematics and science classes. Most Catholic educators are not paranoid about science and technology at all. They know that the Church has always been a fount of scientific research and development. Pope John Paul II is a patron of modern science.

Very few buy the Opus Dei conception that modern science is a threat to religious belief or moral formation. On the contrary, most Catholic teachers know that modern science is only a threat to ignorance and falsehood, and all the spiritual poverty, all the moral decrepitude, all the static, debilitating dogma, that is heir to them.

Good teachers know that values like discipline, which our nation is wholly lacking in, can be the result of a well-taught arithmetic, as Ben Franklin, or someone refreshingly homespun like that, once said. And where the God-given mental talents are lacking, there exists an excellent opportunity in science teaching, to awaken in our youth the virtues of perseverance and an absolute dedication to the truth, come what may. Most of all, there is great power in science, all the more reason to learn great responsibility in wielding its marvelous tools.

I hope Secretary Roco will not listen so much anymore to those who say that science and mathematics are devoid of the potential for moral values formation.

Comments to deanjbocobo@yahoo.com

The INQUIRER is a member of the
PHILIPPINE PRESS INSTITUTE
The National Association of Philippine Newspapers



Cityhood and high taxes in Marikina

IN YOUR Metro page, Marikina City Mayor Marides Fernando was quoted as saying she is planning to raise P1 billion from new taxes. And she made good her threat. Right now, we are being assessed rates in real property taxes that have increased by a range of 250 to 400 percent!

I believe that the increases are confiscatory, especially now that

we, middle income earners, are experiencing economic and financial woes. I wish to inform Mayor Fernando that many of the subdivision dwellers are retirees and the increases will definitely adversely affect our efforts to make both ends meet. No wonder, a magazine once called Marikina the tax capital of the Philippines.

While it is true that there were

no tax increases the past five years, this was because the cityhood law provided such a moratorium for a justifiable reason: cityhood meant an increase in the IRA that the national government allots to Marikina from P60 million to P260 million.

Yes, improvements in Marikina are visible, but please don't kill us with high taxes.



—SUSAN JAVIER, Molave, Barangay Marikina Heights, Marikina City

Cleaning and greening of Quezon City

THIS is in reaction to Neal Cruz's column (PDI, 4/3/02), titled "QC to be transformed into a Garden City."

The Alliance of Quezon City Homeowners' Associations Inc., (AQCHAI) is most elated, to say the least, over the good news that Mayor Feliciano Belmonte is going to make Quezon City a garden city just like Singapore and that Robert Nacianceno, his front man in his greening project, has been holding meetings with various groups to plan the project.

Here's our two cents' worth:

First, don't you think cleaning should come first before greening? One going around the city cannot help but notice how filthy with uncollected garbage are most of our streets. What happened to

the mayor's "Tapat Ko, Linis Ko" program? The barangay officials can enforce this. Perhaps they are more interested in campaigning for their reelection in July?

Second, unless the city government appropriates enough money to fund the City's Parks Development Office so that this can engage the services of our ace landscape architects who have been lending their expertise to Singapore, Malaysia, etc., the development of our city parks will be a hodge-podge affair. Of course, these architects can be invited to attend meetings for free and give advice but seriously they will not waste their time and effort if their services are not fully recompensed.

Third, the management and

supervision of these parks—like Quezon Memorial and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Parks and Wildlife—should not be entrusted to political appointees. Look at what horrors Charito Planas did to the Quezon Memorial.

Cruz's suggestion to connect the La Mesa Dam to the Quezon Memorial through a 9-kilometer biking and jogging trail, has been the clamor of the AQCHAI ever since this association spearheaded the widening of Commonwealth Avenue to 12 lanes.

By order of the President of the Philippines, school authorities, public school teachers, pupils and students during the 1960s and 1970s were made to contribute their precious 10, 20 or 50

centavos yearly to a Quezon Memorial Fund. Quezon City teachers and students periodically trooped to this park to plant trees by order of the education secretary. Why can we not start a similar fund for its rehabilitation? The AQCHAI will be more than willing to spearhead this.

If only all civic-minded residents in this city could be rallied to the cause of cleaning and greening, perhaps this project of the mayor can be his greatest accomplishment and his guarantee for reelection.

—CONSUELO D. SISON, secretary, Alliance of Quezon City Homeowners Associations Inc., 10 Alpha Rd., Alpha Village, Quezon City

Public's help needed to curb overcrowding

IN HIS letter to the editor (FX taxi going the way of the jeepney, May 4, 2002) Herdy L. Yumul is right to complain about overloading in FX taxis.

The Department of Transportation and Communications under Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez has launched a drive against overloading in public transports, along with the campaign against smoke belchers and "colorum" vehicles. The DOTC attached agencies, Land Transportation Office and Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board, are tasked with enforcing the regulations relating to public utility vehicles.

The public is therefore requested to call the attention of

these two agencies regarding any overloading of PUVs. Without public support, any government campaign to enforce laws and regulations cannot be effective. But first commuters should refuse to be packed in like sardines, and wait for the next vehicle if they find the vehicle they are about to board to be overloaded. They can also complain against the driver for trying to squeeze in his passengers.

For any complaint, please dial the DOTC hotline 7890.

—RAMON CUYCO, spokesperson, Department of Transportation and Communications, The Columbia Tower, Barangay Wack-Wack, Ortigas Avenue, 1555 Mandaluyong City

Not at our expense

THIS is to protest the irresponsible use by Maynilad Water Services Inc. (MWSI) of the water rates of the local water utilities in the Bulacan province to further its campaign for water rates adjustment.

In its bid to justify its water rate increase, MWSI suggested in its series of half-page advertisements in national broadsheets that the water utilities in Bulacan are charging an average rate of P207.20 for the first 10 cubic meters. The print ad also cited Malolos Water District as charging P200 for the first 10 cubic meters. This is grossly inaccurate.

To set the record straight, Bulacan has 22 different water districts with a simple average water rate of only P117.88. Obando Wa-

ter District registers the highest water rate at P200 for the first 10 cubic meters. It is interesting to note that Obando Water District purchases its water from the MWSI, and thus its water rate is merely a pass-on rate from MWSI's water rate. Meycauayan Water District, which also purchases water from the MWSI, is one of the three water districts with the second highest minimum water rate at P150. And the Malolos Water District is charging only P104 for the first 10 cubic meters, or 50 percent less than what was published by the MWSI.

We therefore demand an apology from the MWSI for unethically presenting incorrect and misleading data to the public and exposing us, provincial water utilities, to undue public criticism and hostility.

Misinterpreting Oreta's stand on GMOs

WE read with interest the April 29, 2002 column of Dean Jorge Bocobo in your newspaper, and frankly we don't know where he is coming from with his skewed analysis of Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta's stand on the issue involving food and plant products containing genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Just three days ago, your newspaper published a story "Oreta raises cancer warning over rice" which contained the senator's stand on the GMO issue, and nowhere does it state or indicate that she is anti-GMO. In fact, in paragraph 8 of the story, Senator Oreta acknowledged that the introduction of GMOs in the country would be unavoidable, which is the reason she is calling on Malacañang to come up soon with clear-cut guidelines governing the entry and commercial use of GMOs to make sure that the application of biotechnology in boosting food security would not undermine public health and the environment.

The only paragraphs that Bocobo apparently lifted from the story as basis for his column attacking Senator Oreta's stand on the issue were paragraphs 11 and 14, which pertained to the protection of indigenous communities in

the implementation of biodiversity projects and the need for the prior approval of the government and communities on access to genetic resources.

Senator Oreta's call for Malacañang to come up with clear-cut guidelines on GMOs shows that she still has an open mind on the idea of these products eventually being used commercially provided that extensive tests are conducted on their effects on public health and under a controlled environment. She has earlier stated that tests in a controlled environment on GMOs should continue given that there are still no conclusive findings showing that these products are harmful to environment and health. This does not mean that she is anti-GMO, if one wants to argue on issues by resorting to labeling, but pro-health and pro-environment. It would be unfair to make a sweeping judgment on Senator Oreta by branding her anti-GMO when in fact she still has an open mind on this matter.

—TERESITA S. CASTILLO, chief of staff of Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta, Senate, Rm. 516, GSIS Bldg., Financial Center, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City

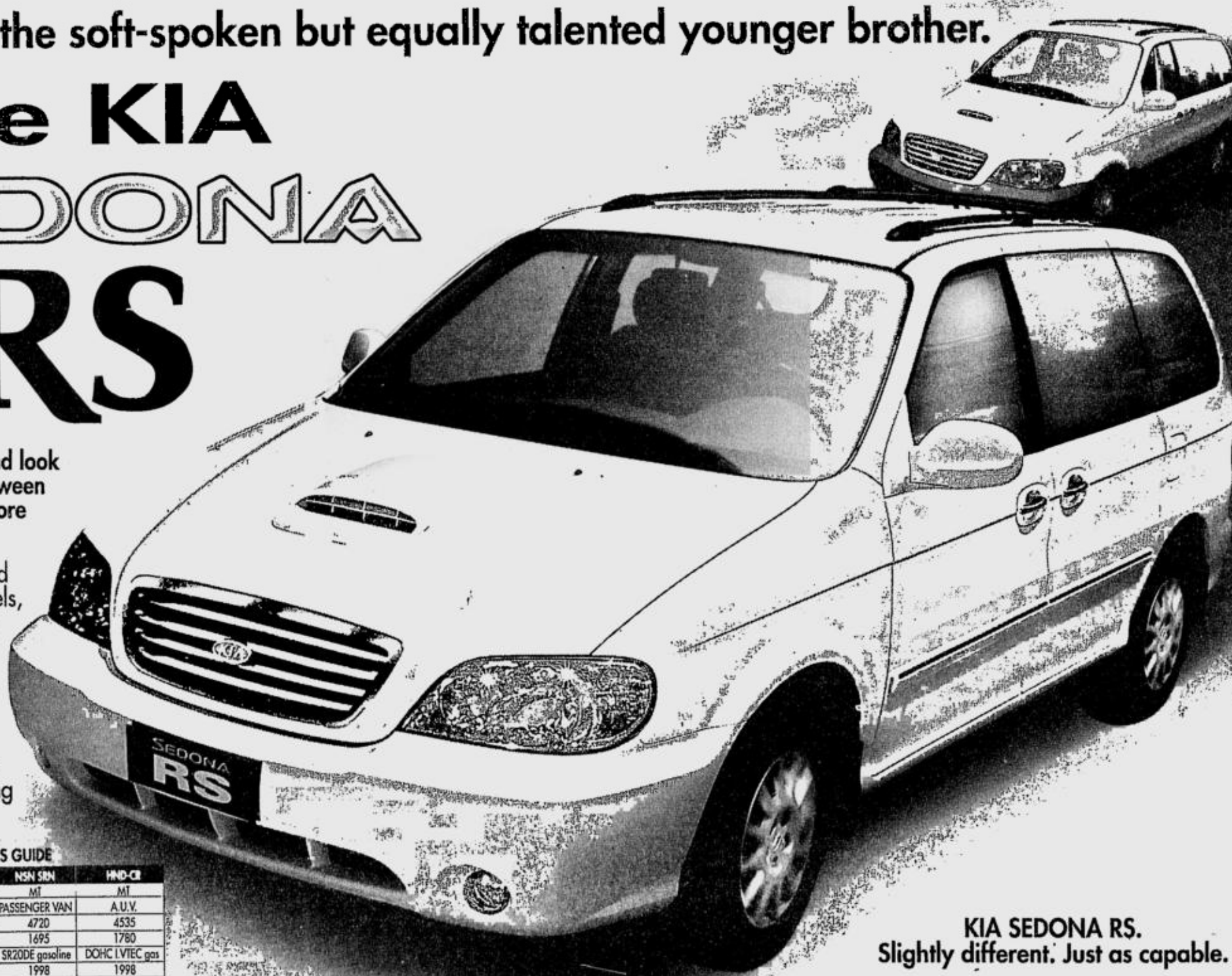
Think of it as the soft-spoken but equally talented younger brother.

The KIA SEDONA RS

It takes more than a second look to spot the differences between the SEDONA RS and its more fully-equipped sibling LS.

The RS has less frills, limited body colors, different wheels, but pretty much everything else intact.

And now, both SEDONAs also share a new, 3 years/110,000 km. warranty* to affirm their desire to be a long-standing member of your family.



KIA SEDONA RS. Slightly different. Just as capable.



The Car that Cares.

INFORMATIVE BUYERS GUIDE

Model	KIA SEDONA	NSA SRN	HRD-CI
CLASSIFICATION	MT	MT	MT
Overall length (mm)	4930	4720	4535
Overall width (mm)	1895	1695	1780
Engine type	DOHC Turbo diesel Intercooler	SR20DE gasoline	DOHC I VTEC gas
Displacement (cc)	2002	1998	1998
Climate controls	8 individual ports	Dual	Single
Front w/ shield defogger	standard	n.a.	n.a.
2nd row folding table	standard	n.a.	n.a.
Fog lamps	standard	n.a.	n.a.
Seating capacity	10	10	10
Warranty	3 yrs/110,000 kms.	2 yrs/50,000 kms.	2 yrs/50,000 kms.
Suggested Retail Price	P 885,000	P 960,000	P 899,000

* 20% dp financing available

** Subject to warranty guidelines compliance & strict adherence to regular preventive maintenance service schedule by KIA authorized dealer

SRP: P879,000.00 M/T P929,000.00 A/T

Choosing your KIA SEDONA just got tougher. Let a KIA authorized dealer help you:

METRO MANILA

KIA PASAY (KIA MOTOR SALES CORP.)
2316 Aurora Blvd., Pasay City Tels. 891-6337 to 39-834-1271 to 77-891-6334

KIA COMMONWEALTH (PRINCE MOTOR CORP.)
43 Commonwealth Avenue, Q. C. Tels. 961-2201 to 16-453-9318 to 20

KIA BALINTAWAK (SIGNET BALINTAWAK)
1240 EDSA, Balintawak, Q. C. Tels. 362-5091/92-362-5095

KIA MANDALUYONG (SIGNET MANDALUYONG)
79 EDSA Mandaluyong, M. M. Tels. 531-4631 to 33

KIA MARIKINA (DELTA MOTOR SALES CORP.)
332 Sumulong Highway Brgy. San Isidro, Calatagan, Batangas Tels. 682-8580 - 81 Tels. 682-8539

KIA NEW MANILA (WHEELS, INC.)
222 E. Rodriguez St. Ave. G. C. (near St. Luke's Hospital) Tels. 721-8456-721-8455 - 721-8468-4113406

Quezon Ave. Branch: 602 Quezon Ave., Q. C. Tels. 712-2923-712-2925-743-6707

LUZON

KIA LA UNION (AMIANAN AUTOCENTER, INC.)
Main: National Highway, Sevilla, City of San Fernando, La Union 2600 Tels. (072) 700-8861/688-2607 KIA Baguio: 110 Macapagal Ave., Baguio City 2600 Tels. (074) 320-8861/444-3647 KIA Laoag: Brgy. 1a National Highway, Payson San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte 2901 Tels. (077) 781-8881 to 82

KIA PAMPANGA (TRADERS AUTOCENTER, INC.)
Gapan-Diagap Road, San Fernando, Pampanga Tels. (045) 961-1466-965/961-3926-961-1486 Call No. (0912) 530-3231 KIA Tula: McArthur Highway, San Rafael Tula, Tula Tels. (045) 982-2423

KIA NAGA (WILLY'S MOTORS CORP.)
Zone 3, Del Rosario, Naga City Tels. (054) 476-8266 (054) 811-8641

KIA BATANGAS-LAGUNA (BATANGAS-LAGUNA AUTOCENTER, INC.)
Main: Pies. Louise Highway, Cidacang, Sta. Tomas Batangas Tels. (043) 778-8214 to 17

KIA CAVITE (KIA MOTORS CAVITE)
Aguinaldo Highway, Bacoor, Cavite Call No. (046) 417-0795 KIA Bikan: Azeo Bldg. 2 National Highway, Brgy. Caniyan, Bikan, Laguna (Beside Golden City Subd.) Tels. (02) 620-6241 (049) 411-0139

KIA DAGUPAN (METRO-DAGUPAN AUTOCENTER, INC.)
McArthur Highway, San Miguel, Cagayan, Pangasinan Tels. (098) 622-8805 to 06

VISAYAS & MINDANAO

KIA CEBU (CEBU AUTOCENTER, INC.)
417 A. Corles Ave., Manaoag City Tels. (032) 344-3815 (032) 344-3816 (032) 344-3819 (032) 344-0065

KIA ORMOG (GGC ORMOG AUTOCENTER, INC.)
Lila Ave., Cogan, Ormoc City Tels. (065) 255-3466

KIA ILOILO (KIA MOTORS Metro Iloilo)
Brgy. Tagbac (Beside Metro Iloilo) Iloilo City Tels. (033) 329-2886 (033) 329-2222 (033) 329-4630 Fax (033) 329-5257

KIA DAVAO (RS AUTOSPHERE CORP.)
Km. 7 J. P. Laurel Ave., Lanting, Davao City Tels. (082) 234-0057 to 58 Fax (082) 234-2434

KIA CAGAYAN DE ORO (STERLING MOTOR CORP.)
Cugman, Cagayan de Oro City Tels. (088) 666-5500, (088) 666-6100, (0882) 733207

KIA DIOPOLO (WESTERN MINDANAO AUTOMOTIVE CORP.)
(also known as CHEVY CENTER) National Highway, Sta. Isabel, Dipolog City Tels. (066) 212-5697 Fax (066) 212-2865

The WORLD

Editor Luverne B. Gueco

Israel puts on hold Gaza assault

JERUSALEM—Israel put on hold a looming military assault on the Gaza Strip amid international calls for a breather from bloodshed to give fragile new peace diplomacy a chance.

Tens of thousands of people from Israel's left-wing peace camp, eclipsed of late by public anger over Palestinian suicide attacks, rallied in Tel Aviv to call for an Israeli pullout from the West Bank and Gaza to defuse conflict with Palestinians.

The leaders of Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia, meeting in a Red Sea resort, affirmed a commitment to pursue a peace deal between the Arab world and Israel in exchange for an Israeli pullout from all Arab land captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

But Israel has long ruled out a wholesale withdrawal, saying this would undermine its security.

The United States has proposed a Middle East conference this summer. Arabs have responded coolly so far because Washington, Israel's key ally, says the forum would be exploratory only, not empowered to engage in substan-

tive negotiations.

Still, diplomats said a delay in the strike against Palestinian militants in Gaza expected after a suicide bombing on Tuesday was a welcome extension to a pause in fighting after the resolution of a siege at Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity.

Israeli troops and tanks that had massed around Gaza, a teaming Mediterranean coastal territory, late last week were staying put, military sources said.

But a senior Israeli political source said action was being reassessed as wanted Palestinian militants had gone underground after army officers spoke about the operation to the media.

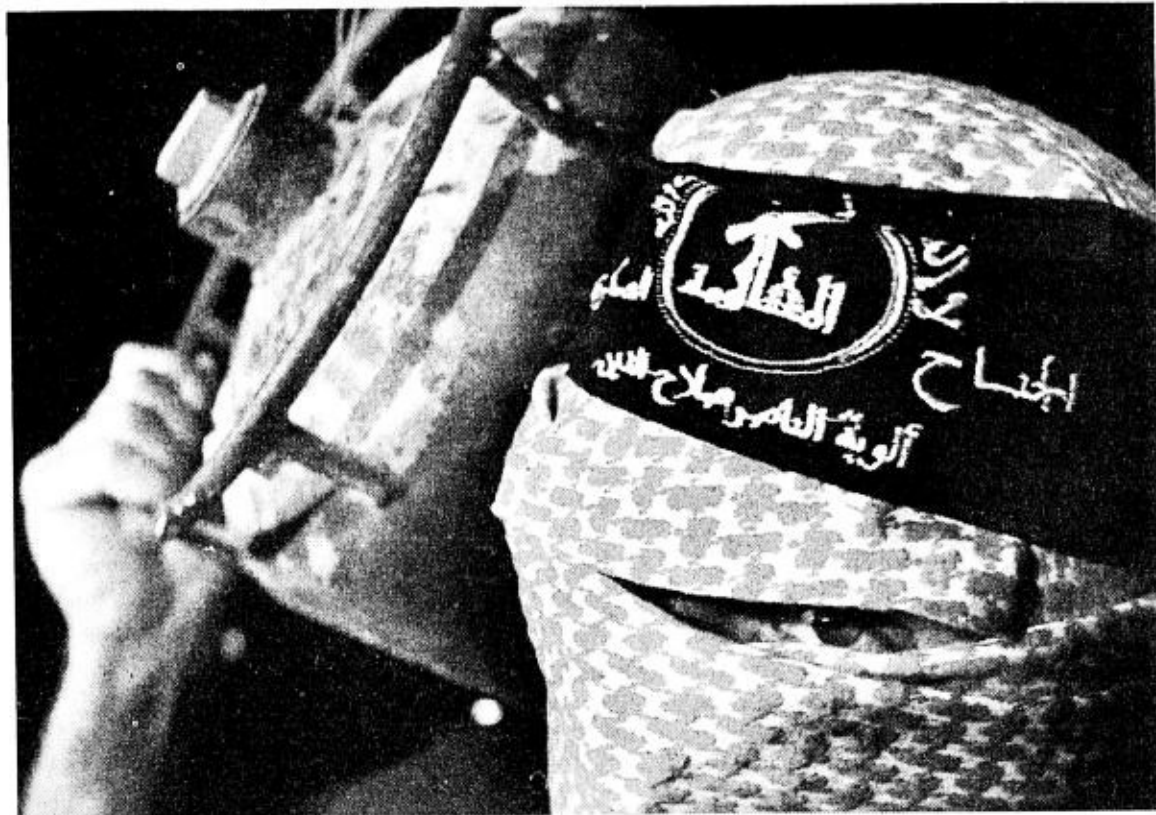
The source said Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer had frozen the assault "for the time being" and subsequent steps would be considered over the coming days.

The government issued emergency call-up orders to reservists on Thursday to prepare for a strike on Gaza after a suicide bombing near Tel Aviv that killed 15 people. The bomber was believed to have come from Gaza 50 km to the south.

Israeli officials hinted military action in Gaza would be directed at a limited number of specific targets, unlike the broad onslaught against Palestinian towns in the West Bank that was launched in March after an earlier spate of bombings.

That offensive caused widespread destruction to Palestinian infrastructure and serious suffering among civilians. Israeli troops have since pulled out of West Bank towns but continue to encircle them and stage raids in pursuit of more militants.

Israel has been urged by US and other foreign leaders to eschew another military thrust to avoid burying new diplomacy, including the US initiative for a conference on peacemaking. **Reuters**



A MASKED Palestinian activist carries a bottle of cooking gas filled with explosives as he and fellow Palestinians prepare for a possible Israeli incursion into the Jabalya refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip, May 11. **REUTERS**

Rome's Colosseum stages first peace concert

ROME—Rome's Colosseum, scene of bloody battles between lions and gladiators 2,000 years ago, changed its tune on Saturday staging for the first time in its history a music concert promoting world peace.

Artists from all over the world performed songs promoting peace and equality, with particular emphasis on the Middle East conflict.

"Conquests and military victories were celebrated here before, but now we are here to celebrate

life and to show that no war, no army can achieve peace," declared Uri Savir, a former Israeli ambassador who organized the event, at the opening.

Dignitaries including Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, economic adviser to Yasser Arafat, Mohammed Rashid, and mayors from 25 cities across the world filled a stage at one end of the stadium to hear the concert, broadcast live across the globe.

Before the concert began, si-

lence filled the vast space inside the auditorium, a marked contrast to its inauguration in 80 AD when some 50,000 spectators crammed into the stadium for a 100-day-long festival of ferocious gladiator warfare.

At first, red light bathed the thick stone walls with a glow reminiscent of ancient gore before giving way to bright white light as Ray Charles took to the stage in a glittering gold-sequined jacket to sing "Georgia on my mind."

Other artists included Algeria's Khaled, Argentina's Mercedes Sosa, Palestinian musician Nabil and Israeli singer Noa. Italian Nicola Piovani, winner of an Oscar for the soundtrack to "Life is Beautiful," a film about the Holocaust, also performed.

Peres and Rashid, each representing a side of a conflict, which in recent weeks saw some of its worst violence in years, were at pains to promote a message of reconciliation. **Reuters**

COFTA ORIGINAL **HIGH QUALITY COFTA PLASTIC FURNITURE FOR YOUR HOME & OFFICE**

AMBER ARMOCHAIR, AMBER BISTRO DO ALL MODULAR CABINETS, RUBY 1 & 2, TOPAZ ARMOCHAIR, SQUARE TABLE 24" & 32", COFTA BENCH 3 & 4 SEATER, EZ RELAX CHAIR & EZ RELAX FOOT REST, SCHOLAR STUDY CHAIR, OXFORD STUDY TABLE, TOPAZ JR. MID-SIZE, JADE

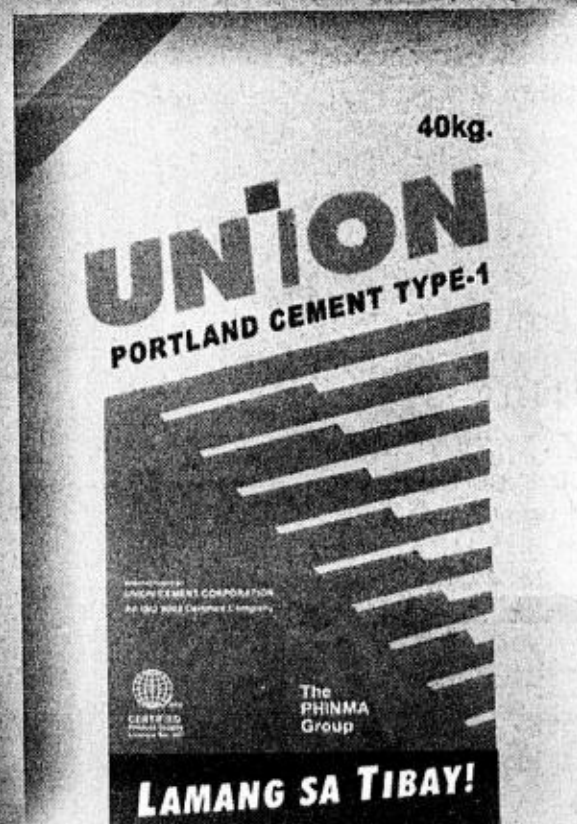
***MANY MORE MODELS TO CHOOSE FROM / DELIVERIES IN APPROX. 4-5 DAYS.**

Authorized Dealer: LIANA TRADING CORPORATION
 268 San Fernando St., Binondo, MM Tel: 241-6701 to 04
 1488 Figueroa St. Cor. Pordigen St., Pace, MM Tel 584-5083, 581-0589

Hard-hitting Performance.

Di basta matitibag, kahit ni Bruce Lim.

Yan ang Union Portland Cement.
 Ang sementong may tibay na di basta matitinag.
 Lakas na di basta-basta mabubuwig.
 Anumang tigas ng kamao,
 di uubra sa tatag ng konkreto.



Ang Tibay at Lakas,
 Subok ng 'Pinas!

UNION CEMENT CORPORATION
 The PHINMA Plaza, 39 Plaza Drive, Rockwell Center, Makati City

Available at
UNION CEMENT CENTER

MAGM Marketing (Marc Alain), Sucat, Pque. • Leslie Hardware, Sta. Monica, Novallches, Q.C. • Kingswood Trading, Quezon Ave., cor. Aranelle Ave., Q.C. • Marjola Trading, Roosevelt Ave., Muñoz, Q.C. • Megacem Inc., Visayas Ave., Q.C. • Provido's Trading, Navotas, MMia • Sta. Dolorosa Mdee., Norzagaray, Bulacan and leading hardware stores.
www.unioncement.com Customer Care Center: MMia 8700222 • Toll-Free outside MMia only 1-800-1888-1368 (PLDT); 1-800-3822-6268 (DIGITEL)

BUY PINOY

Chavez says he has proof of US hand in V'zuela coup

CARACAS—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said in a television interview broadcast Saturday that he has proof of US contacts with military officers who launched a coup last month.

"I have proof and I have it in writing. I have the hour they entered and the hour in which two military officers of the United States left the seat of the coup participants," Chavez told the BBC, referring to military attaches assigned to the US Embassy here.

Chavez did not identify the officers, but said he knew who they were and whom they spoke with, while admitting it was unclear whether they aided the coup or opposed it.

Sources close to an investigation of the coup previously identified the officers as army Colonel Ronald MacCammon and Lieutenant Colonel James Rodgers.

Washington has consistently denied any involvement in the coup April 12, in which Chavez was ousted following a three-day general strike, that included street marches and protesters killed by unknown rooftop sharpshooters.

Business leader Pedro Carmona took over as interim president with military backing. But after further unrest, and a switch in allegiance in the military—apparently angered at the interim government's dissolving of the country's congress and supreme court—Chavez was back in power a mere 48 hours later.

The president's supporters marched Saturday to demand a quick investigation of events surrounding the coup from April 11-14, when 57 people were killed and hundreds more wounded, mostly by gunfire.

"Peace with firmness," "We will not forget them," read slogans carried by Chavez loyalists, who gathered outside the main government building to blame the deaths on the organizers of the botched coup.

Earlier in the day, another group of government supporters gathered outside the prosecutor general's office to hand over a petition demanding that an investigation into the events on mid-April be sped up.

Meanwhile, some 100,000

Chavez opponents marched here Saturday to mark a month since 17 people died in the bloody protests that briefly led to his ouster.

Carrying signs saying, "Chavez, murderer" and "Forgetting is forbidden," the demonstrators marched through an exclusive neighborhood in east Caracas.

Thousands of people joined the opposition march as it moved through the capital to Eastern Park, its final destination.

The marchers included students, labor activists and intellectuals convinced that the Chavez government is leading the country to disaster.

"We urgently need a new president," said 35-year-old engineer Jesus Rivero, who carried a placard declaring: "This is a peaceful demonstration. Please don't shoot!"

University student Marianella Villegas, 21, said she joined the march to make sure that those who had opened fire on anti-Chavez protesters April 11 would not escape punishment.

"The president has to go," she said. **AFP**



REVERING BUDDHA

A South Korean girl dressed in a traditional outfit attends a ceremony celebrating the approach of Buddha's birthday at Seoul's Chogyong temple May 11. The birth of Buddha falls this year on May 19. **REUTERS**

Points seen responsible for UK crash

LONDON—Safety experts investigating a British train crash have blamed faulty points for the accident and a newspaper reported on Sunday that vandals may have tampered with the railway track.

The experts blamed faulty points for the accident, which killed seven people and injured around 90 others, track operators Railtrack said on Saturday.

The train was travelling at 160 kph when the wheels of its rear carriage came off the track after being caught on the points at Potters Bar suburban station, north of London, on Friday.

The last carriage became detached and ploughed into the station's platforms and a waiting room.

"Initial evidence suggests that nuts that held two other supports in place were detached from the points, which resulted in the front stretcher bar bearing all the stress and finally breaking," Railtrack chief John Armitt told a news conference.

"Why the nuts, which were an integral part of the points, were detached is not known," he said. "The investigation will now concentrate on this."

Armitt said checks had been carried out on points around Britain since the crash but no other problems had been found.

The Observer newspaper said on Sunday that senior rail industry sources had said that the nuts on the points had been removed deliberately in a "sophisticated" act of vandalism. **Reuters**

Malaysians in favor of English-language schools, says poll

KUALA LUMPUR—Most Malaysians are in favor of reintroducing English-language schools, according to a poll in the Sunday Star newspaper, following a recently proposed move by Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

Ninety-seven percent, or 4,142 respondents, said they wanted the government to reintroduce

schools where classes are held only in English to help Malaysia to integrate in the global economy.

The paper said the poll was conducted in response to Mahathir's proposal to reintroduce teaching of all subjects in English in Malaysian schools, if the people wanted it.

But on Friday, a meeting of the

ruling United Malays National Organization (Umno) rejected that proposal and said instead that only mathematics and science should be taught in English from primary school, said the Star.

Mahathir played a big part in replacing English with Malay in classrooms during the 1970s, before becoming prime

minister in 1981.

He was then interested in throwing off a legacy of British colonial rule and asserting Malay pre-eminence in a country where one-third of the population is Chinese and Indian.

But recent data showing 94 percent of unemployed graduates were Malays sparked concerns that learning only Malay at

school had put them at a disadvantage in the era of globalization and the knowledge-based economy.

Ninety-five percent of people who responded to the poll said the English-medium schools should not be limited to primary level and 87 percent felt it should be extended to the secondary level. **Reuters**

DAIKIN
Room Air Conditioners

Exciting Air Solutions!

COOL, CLEAN AIR. LIKE NO OTHER.



DAIKIN WALL MOUNTED AIRCON

With Virustatic, Bacteriostatic & Deodorising Functions



Window Type Aircon

With Daikin, you don't need to go far to enjoy cool, clean air. All you have to do is switch on your room aircon and you'd feel like you're just a breath away from nature's embrace. Because it has a power-packed compressor and superior air filter that guarantee high-cooling efficiency and maximum air purification. Treat yourself with a Daikin room aircon today and enjoy cool, clean air from Japan's preeminent name in air conditioning systems.

Cooling the Towers of the World for Over 75 years.

DAIKIN-ALLEN
AIR CONDITIONING, INC.

Tel. (632) 712-2144 (TL), 415-2276 (DL)

Suu Kyi wants first trip abroad to be to Norway

RANGOON—Burma opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who won the Nobel peace prize in 1991, said again on Sunday that she wanted her first trip abroad since being released from house arrest last week to be to Norway, home of the prize.

Suu Kyi said in a telephone conversation with a Japanese politician, broadcast by the Voice

of America, that she would like to show her gratitude for support given by Norway.

"We owe the Norwegian people and government a debt of gratitude for relentlessly giving us complete support in our struggle for democracy," she said.

During her last house arrest in central Rangoon which ended last Monday, Suu Kyi was quoted as

saying Norway would be the first country she would visit if she were able to travel abroad freely and able to return home to Burma.

The charismatic opposition leader did not say when she would make her first foreign trip, but said last week that the ruling military government had not imposed any conditions on her movement. The Nobel award to Suu Kyi helped put

the spotlight on the military regime, which has ruled the country for four decades and violently suppressed opposition.

The Norwegian Nobel Institute last week hailed her release and urged the Burma military to take more steps toward democracy.

"She is a unique woman, some say the most shining of recent Nobel winners," Olav Njolstad,

acting director of the Nobel Institute, told Reuters. "She is brave. She has fought for democracy under extremely difficult conditions for herself and for her people."

Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy Party won a landslide election victory in 1990 but the military did not allow them to rule.

In her broadcast conversation

with Japan's Social Democratic Party chief Takako Doi, Suu Kyi said while highly appreciative of Japan's past support for her campaign for democracy in Burma, she had hoped the Japanese government would have done more.

She said Japanese government support for her cause did not match that of ordinary Japanese people.

Reuters

Castro: Cuba not making bio-arms

HAVANA—Fidel Castro vehemently denied American accusations that Cuba is trying to develop biological weapons, calling the charges "lies" in a televised speech and saying his country has nothing to hide.

Speaking live on state television Friday, Castro called on US officials to "present even the most minimum proof" of the allegation Undersecretary of State John Bolton made Monday.

"The only thing true in Bolton's lies is that Cuba is 145 km away from United States territory," said Castro, adding that the United States would be unable to provide evidence of the claim because such evidence "does not and cannot exist."

"No one has ever presented a single shred of evidence that our homeland has conceived a program that develops nuclear, chemical or biological weapons," Castro said. "The doors of our institutions are open... Cuba has absolutely nothing to hide."

US charge

Castro's speech was Cuba's first detailed response to the charges. In a brief note on Thursday, Havana had simply described Bolton's statements as "loathsome."

The Cuban government has called out more than 100,000 people for a Saturday morning rally in a Havana suburb to denounce Washington's "fallacies."

In an address to the Heritage Foundation, a conservative research group in Washington, Bolton said the Bush administration believes Cuba is trying to develop biological weapons and transferring its technical expertise to countries hostile to the United States.

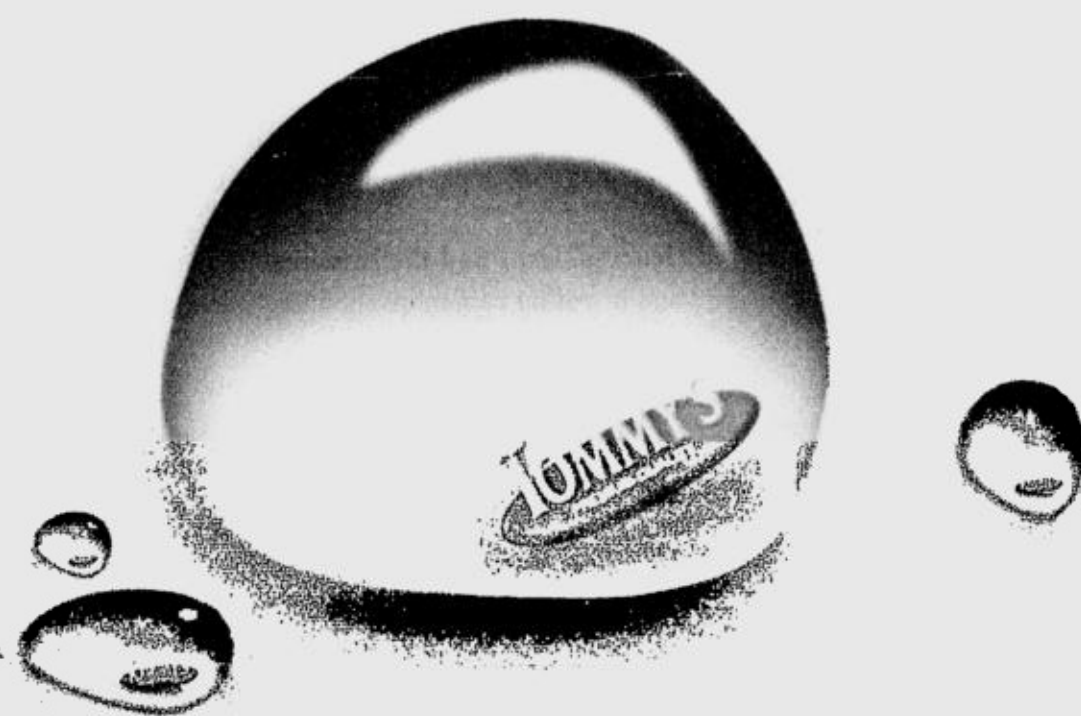
The accusation marked the first time the United States raised the possibility of involvement by Cuba, the only outright US foe in the Western Hemisphere, in weapons of mass destruction.

It seemed aimed at adding to the Bush administration's rationale for keeping Cuba on a list of countries accused of engaging in international terrorism.

Castro said that his country opposes terrorism and noted that Cuba publicly condemned the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States the same day they took place.

He said any Cuban scientist discovered to be working on biological weapons for the transfer to other countries would be tried for treason. AP

What Makes Tommy's Tuna A Premium Tuna?



Tommy's Tuna has nothing less than vegetable oil of the highest quality. Lavished on 100% tuna meat to give Tommy's that outstandingly rich taste. Nothing but the freshest, choicest, and the best for you.



Garantisadong First Class

TOMMY'S
PREMIUM QUALITY

Thomas Networks, Inc.
1608 PSH Center Building 2nd
Ortigas Center, Pasig City

Available in 8 flavorful variations: Tommy's Tuna Adobo, Tommy's Tuna Afritada, Tommy's Tuna in Brine, Tommy's Tuna in Oil, Tommy's Tuna Hot & Spicy, Tommy's Tuna Mechado, Tommy's Tuna Bicol Express, Tommy's Tuna Caldereta



MARIAN SOLIDARITY FOR POPE JOHN PAUL II

SAVE OUR FAMILIES SAVE OUR CHILDREN

We are the Marian Solidarity for Pope John Paul II, an alliance of Catholic movements. Our union of national lay groups is guided by the Church hierarchy.

The Filipino Family is surrounded by threats.

At Fatima exactly twenty years ago, the Pope warned that "The collapse of morality will lead to the collapse of societies." As we celebrate today the 85th anniversary of Fatima, our urgent concern is the family, our wellspring of morality.

Our families and our children are under heavy attack today. The sacrament of marriage has been greatly diminished. Couples enter married life severely handicapped. More and more children come from broken homes. Families are torn apart by power and possessions, by prostitution and infidelity, by the lie that parenthood is bondage. The natural concept of family is being redefined by homosexual partnerships. Laws are proposed to legalize divorce.

Pornography is spread by tabloids and underground magazines. Graphic video disks are openly sold. Movies glamorizing sex and violence abound. An anti-life mentality looms as pro-abortion groups infiltrate the country.

Drugs enslave millions of youth. Kidnappings continue. Grade school kids play bloody video games that make human life look expendable. Indigenous children are forced to become child soldiers in areas of conflict. The youth are not taught clear values but fall into moral relativism. They have lost their sense of sin, as revealed by surveys.

Moral decay unleashes lawlessness, destroys peace -- these are the wages of sin.

Defending the family is a call for all.

Fighting this anti-family culture is the duty of all citizens, for the family is vital to the life of society itself. When the Pope returns next year for the Fourth World Meeting of Families, will he find faith and morals in the Filipino family?

We call on all Filipinos of good will, young and old, to stand up for life. Fight the culture of death and degeneration. The battle is not just between interest groups. At its very core is spiritual warfare between the forces of darkness and the followers of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

We call on our pastors to help us preserve the great sacrament of marriage. More couples must be prepared well for this great commitment. More wounded families must be healed. We also ask you to be vigilant in the fight for morality -- our good shepherds must scatter the wolves.

We call on families to consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Be among the one million consecrated families to join the Prayer Power Campaign 2002. Live your consecration in spirit and in truth. Learn more about the splendor of our faith, frequent the sacraments, and pray the Family Rosary.

We call on Catholic schools to mobilize our youth for the Gospel of Life. Parent-Teacher Associations should be at the front lines of this battle for our children's souls.

We call on those who hold power to defend the Filipino family. Laws, advertising, media programming, business policies: all these can yield immense good or inflict much harm.

The Mother of Life will triumph.

Our work to help "Save Our Families, Save Our Children" we entrust to the care of the Holy Family, under the protection of St. Joseph, guardian of families. May the light of Christ dispel the darkness of degeneration. May Our Lady undo the decay of our society. She is destined to crush the head of the Serpent of the Culture of Death.

SAVE OUR FAMILIES SAVE OUR CHILDREN

Uphold the dignity
of human sexuality
against PORNOGRAPHY
and PROSTITUTION

Encourage
love for truth
and responsibility
to discourage
DRUG ADDICTION

Strengthen the home
against DIVORCE
and DISTORTIONS OF THE
SACRED CONCEPT OF FAMILY

Promote respect for life
against ABORTION,
KILLINGS and a
CULTURE OF VIDEO VIOLENCE

Oppose
the culture of
materialism
which breeds
CORRUPTION,
GAMBLING,
KIDNAPPING

COME AND MOBILIZE WITH US

WATCH THE PRO-FAMILY TELETHON TODAY
at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on RPN-9
with replays at 12:30 midnight to 4:30 a.m.

WRITE TO US
and leave contact information
if your parishes, schools or groups
want to join this campaign

Marian Solidarity
95 Amapola St., Bel Air 3
Makati City
email@mariansolidarity.com



- | | | |
|---|---|---|
|
Bishop Ramon C. Arguelles, DD
Chairman - Military Bishop
Millennium Saint Foundation, Inc.
Military Ordinariate of the Philippines
Episcopal Commission on Migrants and
Itinerants |
Msgr. Vicente D. Bauson
Director
Campus Ministry, Archdiocese of Manila
San Lorenzo Ruiz Student Catholic Center |
Fr. Dave Clay
Spiritual Director
Catholic Engaged Encounter
Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Campus Ministry - Marriage Counseling
Retrouvaille and ECFL |
|
Ma. Luisa Fatima B. Nebrida
President and Founder
Mary's Army to Save Souls (MASS) |
Amb. Howard Q. Dee
President
Family Rosary Crusade and Bahay Maria |
Sr. Ma. Feily Declaro, R.V.M.
Women Religious |
|
Donnell J. Salvador
National President
National Samgigen Foundation of the
Philippines, Inc. |
Rosario P. Melchor
President
World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army)
Archdiocese of Manila |
Epifanio R. Galmesao
National President
World Apostolate of Fatima of the Philippines
(WAF Philippines) |
|
Mrs. Lydia de Leon Sison
Co-Founder - Vice President - Treasurer
Center for Peace Asia |
Sonia S. Ronda
Presidential Assistant for Religious Affairs
Office of the President |
Ldy and Trinidad A. Marquez
Chair Couple, Festival of Families
Christian Family Movement |
|
Edgardo J.T. Tirone
National President
Society of St. Vincent de Paul |
Gennia Q. Jota
Executive Director
Family Rosary Crusade |
Lourdes J. Custodio and Belen L. Tanco
President & Vice President
Catholic Teachers' Guild of the Philippines |
|
Beatriz V. Pabito
National President
Ladies of Charity - AIC Philippines |
Atty. Cita B. Garcia
Corporate Secretary
Millennium Foundation |
Pauline S. Bautista
President
Children's Rosary Foundation |
|
Ricardo B. Bonoan
Corporate Secretary
Defensores Fidei Foundation |
Ma. Lourdes Llanes Galza
Trustee
Save our Family Movement, Inc. |
Ma. Lourdes Galza
Officer in Charge
Episcopal Commission on Family Life |
|
Ma. Cecelia C. Vergara
Representative
Ang Ligaya ng Panginoon Community |
Dennis Arroyo
Editor
Marian Messenger |
Maria Flores
Official Representative for the Philippines
Youth for the Third Millennium |
|
Carmela M. Borres
Executive Director
Bahay Maria |
Taty and Chona Montinola
Confraternity of Our Lady of All Nations |
Aurora A. Martin
Administrator
Center for Peace Asia |
|
Tito Pilapil Ravariente
Vice President
Phil. Alliance against PORN
Natl. Movement against Porn (NMAP)
Stop Trafficking of Filipinos (STOP) | | |

**FOSTER FAMILY PRAYER
and NURTURE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE HOME
TO DEFEND THE FAMILY FROM HARM**

Northern Luzon Bureau
Room 201, Bonuan Apartelle
10 Happy Glen Loop, Baguio City
Tel. No. (074) 443-9255
Fax No. (074) 443-8971
E-mail: lnq_bagulo@inquirer.com.ph

Southern Luzon Bureau
23 Aurora St., Old Albay District
Legazpi City
Tel. No. (052) 820-8402
Fax No. (052) 820-1274
E-mail: lnq_bico@inquirer.com.ph

Visayas Bureau
c/o Cebu Daily News
18-15 Escario St., Cebu City
Tel. Nos. (032) 233-0346/233-0349
Fax No. (032) 232-9938
E-mail: pdvls@skyline.net

Mindanao Bureau
FEP Printing Corp. Bldg.
Ma-a Road, Davao City
Tel. Nos. (082) 244-1770 to 71
Fax no. (082) 244-1771
E-mail: pdminda@dv.weblnq.com

Across the NATION

Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

Army captain asks: Where's recognition for Cafgus?

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Two years after he led the rescue of 15 people held hostage by the Abu Sayyaf in Basilan, Capt. Andrew Bacala Jr., chief of the 9th Special Forces Company, finally broke his silence.

Bacala, of Philippine Military Class '94, said he and his men, most of them members of the Citizens' Armed Forces Geographical Unit (Cafgu), did not get their much-deserved credit.

Bacala said several young military officers got the credit that was supposed to be given to his former unit, the 24th Special Forces Company.

"My men, mostly Cafgus, risked their lives, leaving their families behind. With their bravery and dedication, they were the ones who rescued the 15 hostages and recovered four dead bodies on May 3, 2000," Bacala told the *INQUIRER*.

Bacala said he was still hoping that the verbal recommendation made by then AFP chief Angelo Reyes, that he be awarded the Medal of Valor, "would materialize."

"Up to now I'm still waiting for it," he said. But Bacala does not want it all. He said the 31 Cafgu members and two civilian volunteers were also waiting for their "accommodation" into the military as regular soldiers.

On May 3, 2000, Bacala and his men rescued 15 hostages from their Abu Sayyaf captors. It was during this operation when the bodies of Fr. Rhoel Gallardo and three others were found. Bacala and his men were given the Distinguished Conduct Star on May 28, 2000.

During the rescue operation, another group of government soldiers overran the Abu Sayyaf camp on Mt. Mahadji. The young military officers, Bacala said, received the Medal of Valor.

He added that "11 soldiers of the Special Forces were promoted a rank higher."

"I deeply appreciated the support extended to me by the Cafgus. In fact, their bravery, dedication and determination were the main factors in rescuing and securing the hostages," he said.

Still, Bacala said he was not happy that, except for blankets, several canned goods, mats, several kilos of rice and a plaque of appreciation, "they remain Cafgus."

Bacala said former AFP Chief Gen. Angelo Reyes transmitted to Southern Command a guidance recommending him for a Medal of Valor award, "but it seems it remains unattended."

Julie Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Mindanao including Palawan will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers.

SOURCE: PAGASA

Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy	HI 35° Lo 25°
Baguio	Partly Cloudy	HI 26° Lo 16°
Tuguegarao	Partly Cloudy	HI 36° Lo 25°
Laosag	Partly Cloudy	HI 35° Lo 26°
Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy	HI 35° Lo 24°
Tagaytay	Partly Cloudy	HI 33° Lo 22°
Legazpi	Partly Cloudy	HI 32° Lo 24°
Calapan	Partly Cloudy	HI 34° Lo 26°
Iloilo/Bacolod	Partly Cloudy	HI 33° Lo 25°
Roxas	Partly Cloudy	HI 32° Lo 26°
Cebu	Partly Cloudy	HI 32° Lo 25°
Taoloan	Partly Cloudy	HI 33° Lo 25°
Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 24°
Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains	HI 31° Lo 25°
Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains	HI 32° Lo 23°
Davao	Cloudy with Rains	HI 34° Lo 25°

Compiled by: Ray Loyosa, PDI Research/05/13/02

Rebels join hunt for killers

DUMAGUETE CITY—The leaders of the Revolutionary Proletarian Army-Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPA-ABB) have assured the police that they will help in the arrest of the two remaining suspects in the robbery-slaying of four government workers in Bayawan town.

One of the suspects was an RPA-ABB member.

The first suspect to fall in the hands of authorities was a certain Jaime Amaro Jr., 27, a casual employee of the Sta. Catalina municipal government assigned as a driver in the engineering department for about a year.

He was identified by witnesses as one of the robbers who took off with

P372,000 in payroll money for the Sta. Catalina municipal government and killed four of the municipality's employees who were carrying the money.

Amaro allegedly identified the two other suspects as Raul Villar, alias Ka Drilon, a former RPA-ABB member who was reportedly expelled from the group due to irregularities and Amaro's older brother, Jhulo.

Senior Supt. Drisillo Bolodo, Negros Oriental's police director, said that Rey Mallari and Ka Jake, the top two leaders of the RPA-ABB in East Negros, had assured him that they would help find Ka Drilon and Jhulo.

Charges of robbery with multiple homicide have been filed against the three suspects before the Bayawan City prosecutor's office.

Police investigators said that Amaro had claimed that he only accompanied his brother and Ka Drilon without allegedly knowing about the robbery plan. The slain workers—paymaster Librado

Dagat, bookkeeper Winnie Capunong, driver Serafin Dinsay and town midwife Virgie Edrial—had come from the Land Bank of the Philippines Bayawan branch and were returning to Sta. Catalina when waylaid by three armed men at Crossing Maninihon, Bayawan.

Two of the robbers boarded the vehicle and brought the four employees to Barangay Omod, about 5 kilometers from Maninihon, where the victims were each shot in the head at close range before the robbers fled with the payroll money. **Romy Amarado, PDI Visayas Bureau**

When in Iloilo City, think twice before using cell phone

By Ma. Diosa Labiste
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—When in Iloilo City, set your mobile phones to "silent or vibrating mode."

Whether it's annoying Ringer No. 5, the off-season Jingle Bells, the theme in Game Ka Na Ba, or any other ring tones, the city council here ruled that mobile phones are banned from going off in public places.

In a recently approved city ordinance, those caught having their cellular phones ringing in movie houses, classrooms, libraries, churches and places of worship, gasoline station, areas where explosives are stored and in government offices, including courtdrooms would be penalized.

Violators would be slapped with a P200-fine for the first offense, P500 for the second offense, and, or community service. A fine of P1,000 would also be imposed on owners of movie houses, administrators of schools and churches, heads of government offices, if they failed to post notices regarding the ordinance.

Young and old are not spared from being penalized, except children below nine years old who are exempted from any criminal liability under The Child and Youth Welfare Act.

The power to implement the ordinance, which was passed last May 8, lies in the hands of owners of movie houses, school administrators, librarians, priests and ministers, owners or gasoline stations, heads of government offices and city officials.

Proposed by City Councilor Ma. Concordia Manikan, the ordinance was a response to many complaints of churchgoers, parents, teachers and judges who are often annoyed by loud ringing of cellular phones. In a public hearing in October last year, representatives of schools and churches had not objected to regulating the use of cellular phones.

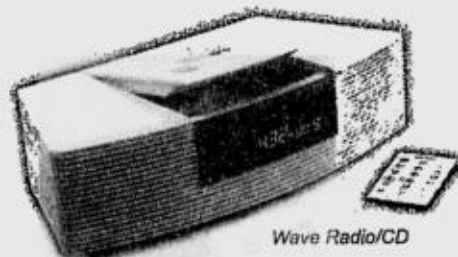
The councilor said that loud ringing in some public places have been declared as "nuisance," as they annoying.

"Movie houses are amusement places where people go to relax, libraries and classrooms are for those who want to read and study while churches are places where people pray and meditate. These places are better off without the cellular phones ringing," said Manikan.

Councilor Antonio Pesina said the ordinance should be strictly implemented in courtrooms, where lawyers and their clients were often seen thumbing the keys of their cellular phones or taking a call, sometimes disrupting the trial.

BOSE
LIFESTYLE
HOME
THEATER
SYSTEM

Unbelievable...



Wave Radio/CD

Eleksis

MARKETING CORPORATION
www.eleksis.com



Lifestyle 50 Home Theater System

Bose, one of the most respected names in sound and makers of elegant state-of-the-art Lifestyle Home Theater Systems, is giving away a Bose Wave Radio/CD—FREE!

For a limited time (May 1 to June 30, 2002), buy a Lifestyle 50 or 30 Home Theater System to avail yourself of this once-in-a-lifetime offer.

What's more, when you buy a Bose Lifestyle 25 Home Theater System, you also get a FREE pair of Bose Powered Speakers, the best accessory speakers for expanding your Bose Home Theater System onto other rooms.

Again, it's our little way of thanking you for inspiring us to push audio technology to the highest levels.

BOSE
Better sound through research
www.bose.com

BOSE STORES:
SM Megamall: Tel. No. 634-8484 to 85 • SM City North Edsa: Tel. No. 826-90-34 • Robinson's Place Ermita: Tel. No. 536-2663
Festival Supermall: Tel. No. 650-3638 • Power Plant Mall: Tel. No. 899-2048

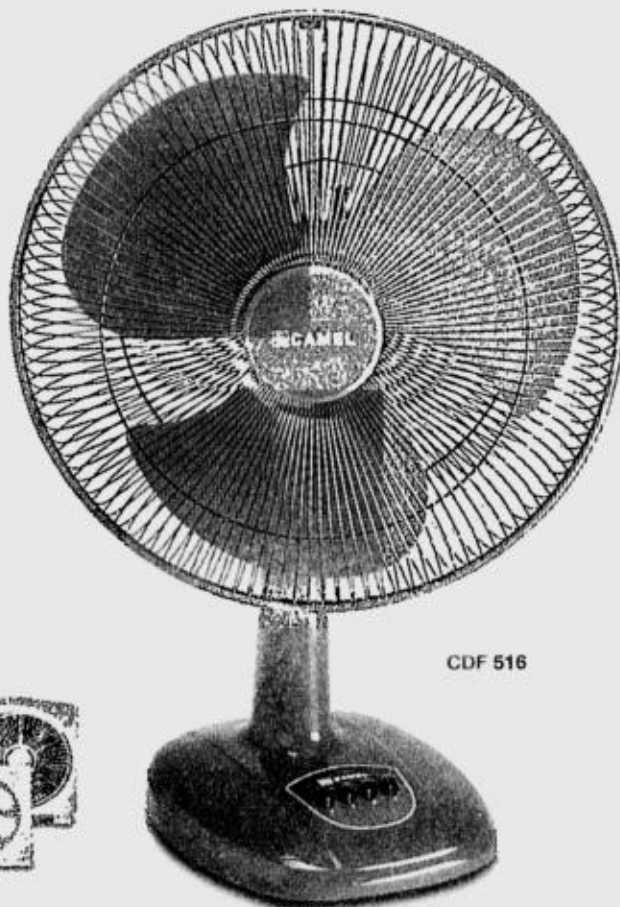
DEALER:

Cebu Circuit City: Unit 122 Ground Floor, Gaisano Country Mall Banilad, Cebu City Tel. (032) 231-3599 to 99

Per DTI NCR Permit No. 1696 Series of 2002

CAMEL
ELECTRIC FAN

May
CAMEL
ELECTRIC FAN
ka na
ba?



CDF 516

Finally, quality life that's easy on your budget.



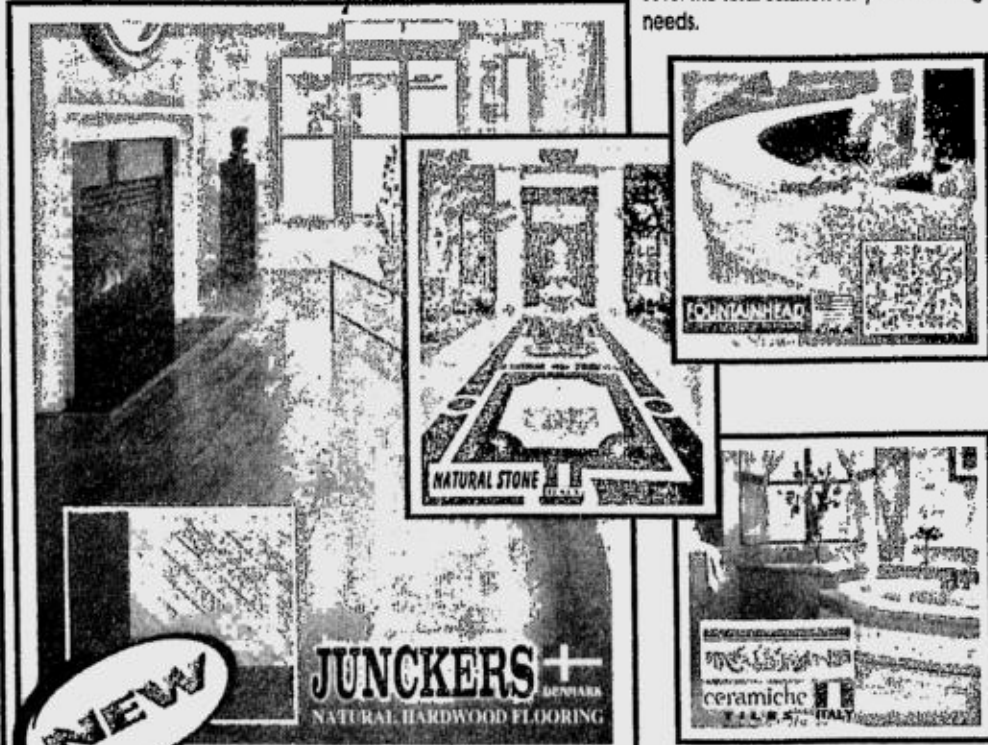
BCI
ISO 9002 CERTIFIED
By SA 9001001



CAMEL
Live Better.

ISO 9002 further guarantees quality in every product and service.
Available at all leading appliance stores nationwide.

Every Surface is Covered
... in Style



We left no stone unturned to provide you with the best selection of solid surface materials from every corner of the world. Natural hardwood flooring, Natural Stones, Ceramic Tile and synthetic solid surfaces to suit your taste and fit your budget.

Josol—the total solution for your surfacing needs.



Authorized Distributor:
Home of the World's Most Celebrated Brands
JOSOL Home Decor Improvement Center, Inc.
100 Bldg., E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave., Uugong Norte, Q.C.
Tel. No.: 637-5871-74 • 634-2990 • 631-1807-08

Josol Rockwell 748-6107 • Josol Southmall 800-3191 • Josol Sumulong 681-4680
Josol Paig 641-0824 • Josol Bacoar 046 417-7464 • Josol Cebu 032 344-1947

DOH starts training 'hilots' in Cordillera

BAGUIO CITY—The Department of Health has started training *hilots* (traditional birth attendants) in remote villages of the Cordillera to augment its barangay health workforce and to decrease infant mortality due to unsafe delivery.

"Although the region meets the ideal midwife-resident ratio (one midwife per 5,000 residents), we need more birth attendants to be deployed to the remote areas," said Dr. Amelita Pangilinan, chief of the DOH's faculty health cluster which deals with the training and education of health workers.

Pangilinan said the *hilots*, most of whom lack formal training, are usually tapped in remote villages due to the absence of doctors and licensed midwives.

She said most women in the Cordillera also deliver babies in their houses and they often ask for the village *hilot* to help them.

Under the training offered by the DOH, *hilots* are required to attend a five-day seminar on hygienic and safe infant delivery.

Pangilinan said that after the training, the traditional birth attendants should pass a competency test before the DOH trainers issue them certificates.

She said the *hilots* should be able to determine signs of normal to high-risk pregnancy, among other things.

Dr. Charito Agnes Ortillo, chief of the DOH's promotion cluster and human resources, said many women in remote areas in the region also lack medical examinations, especially pre-natal check-ups, because they live far from health centers or municipal or provincial hospitals.

Ortillo said travel is difficult in the region because pregnant women need to walk or travel on dirt roads to reach the health centers.

She said the training of *hilots* is funded by the DOH and the European Commission and implemented under the "Safe Motherhood Campaign." **Roschelle Codog and Katrina Quijarro, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau**



GLEE

Children in the remote village of San Pedro in Tubabao Island, Eastern Samar enjoy rural life and appear to be healthier than children in urban areas.

CHITO VECINA

RP seeks better deal from WTO, says trade exec

BAGUIO CITY—The government wants to get more inputs from various sectors on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) to help Malacañang determine whether it would pursue its free trade obligations to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

This was disclosed by Angelo Salvador Benedictos, assistant director of the Bureau of International Trade Relations, during a conference here last Wednesday.

Benedictos said the Philippines is now fighting tooth and nail to obtain fair trade with the United States, Japan and the European Union after discovering that their trade practices have victimized developing countries.

He joined the recent WTO trade ministerial conference in Doha, Qatar, whose resolutions on accelerated market access and phased-out export subsidies have polarized the developing countries, like the Philippines and Thailand, and the developed countries, like the United States.

He said the Philippines was not prepared to negotiate to allow further market access here because of the growing sensitivity of local agriculture to rice and vegetable imports.

The country is also vulnerable to a Doha resolution demanding a reduction in export subsidies because developed nations still subsidize their agricultural industry despite the GATT prescriptions, Benedictos added.

Malacañang expects to submit on March 31, 2003 the Philippine conditions to the Doha resolution

for further negotiations on opening markets. This will be the substance of the 5th WTO ministerial conference next year.

Sources from the trade department here said Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II was disturbed by the trend in global free trade, and had authorized the country's WTO representatives to obtain alternative formulas for the Philippines.

But the government has yet to declare its position on the Philippines' WTO membership, prompting sectors to cast doubts on the Philippine WTO agenda.

"We are still not sure whether the government is sincerely studying the negative impact of free trade on the Philippines after the Doha conference. But we cannot help but remember that it was (President Macapagal-Arroyo) who pushed for free trade when she was senator," said Catalino Corpuz, convenor of a national conference on mining here.

Geoff Nettleton, director of the Philippine Indigenous Peoples Links, said the country began converting or deregulating its industries to suit globalization trends even before the GATT was ratified.

He said the Philippines had already been under the dictates of international trade initiatives, fueled by international mining industries.

"Whatever happens, these initiatives will continue regardless of how the countries settle their WTO commitments," Nettleton said. **Vincent Cabrera, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau**

2,000 W. Visayas workers lose jobs since January

BACOLOD CITY—Unemployment rate in Western Visayas has been pegged at 8.8 percent, with more than 2,000 workers having lost their jobs since January.

Ricardo Monegro, Department of Labor and Employment regional director, said that from January to March, at least 53 establishments in Western Visayas either shut down or terminated 1,788 workers.

Of the number, 1,642 are from Negros Occidental and Bacolod City. They did not include workers who lost their jobs after March, like the 75 who were terminated by Negros Navigation Tours in April and the 155 workers separated by Cosmos Bottlers Inc. which closed its Bacolod plant on May 6.

The DENR's January-March record showed that of the other workers affected by shutdowns and retrenchments, 22 were from Antique, four from Capiz, and 120 from Iloilo. The layoffs involved two establishments in Antique, one in Capiz, 17 in Iloilo and 33 in Negros Occidental.

Twelve of the establishments have shut down and 41 reported

retrenchments. Around 20.8 percent of the 53 establishments came from the manufacturing sector, involving 864 workers, according to Monegro.

Monegro said the figures could be higher since they only represented firms that reported closures and termination of employees to the DOLE.

The terminations could be an offshoot of globalization wherein small enterprises have been unable to survive, he said.

However, he said, the 8.8-percent unemployment figure of Western Visayas was still lower than the national average of 10.3 percent.

Monegro said the DOLE would look into the circumstances surrounding the termination of 115 workers by Cosmos Bottlers as some of them have claimed that the company's action was illegal.

He said some of the workers complained that they received their notices of termination on May 6, the same day that the plant ceased to operate. **Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau**

High With PATT'S

College of Aeronautics

YOUR FUTURE IS IN THE SKIES!

Courses Offered:
 B.S. Aeronautical Engineering - 5 yrs.
 B.S. Air Transportation - 4 yrs.
 B.S. Aircraft Maintenance Technology - 4 yrs.
 B.S. Avionics Technology - 4 yrs.
 B.S. Airline Business Administration - 4 yrs.
 B.S. Tourism - 4 yrs.
 B.S. Airline Office Administration - 4 yrs.
 Associate in Airline Office Administration - 2 yrs.
 Communication Technician Course - 2 yrs.
 Aircraft Technician Course - 2 yrs.

*Computer subjects integrated in all courses
 Enroll now and be counted. With us, you'll always be **SECOND TO NONE.**

Domestic Airport Road, Pasay City, Metro Manila Tels. 833-4746 • 834-1111 Fax 833-4076
 Email: admin@patts.edu.ph Website: www.patts.edu.ph

Dream
—of a successful career.
—of a bright future.

Believe
—in what you can achieve.
—in a good education.

Enjoy
—the campus life.
—the company of friends.

APPROVED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR ITS TITLE IV PROGRAM.

CONDUCTS CLERKSHIP PROGRAMS WITH THE PENINSULA HOSPITAL CENTER, NEW YORK AND JACKSON PARK HOSPITAL, CHICAGO.

RANKED 2ND IN THE PRC REPORT (AS PER 1996 - 50 TO 100 GRADUATES)

LEVEL II ACCREDITATION STATUS BY PACU-COA

ONE OF ONLY FOUR MARITIME NCR COLLEGES INCLUDED IN IMO WHITE LIST

AWARDED ISO 9002 CERTIFICATE FROM THE AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR ALL COURSES INCLUDING FREE BOARD & LODGING, BOOKS & ALLOWANCE.

MOST AFFORDABLE FEES AMONG ALL MEDICAL SCHOOLS. P1,500.00 Down Payment for B.S. Courses

Find out how you can make your dreams come true. Ask your guidance counselor about Our Lady of Fatima College. Or, contact us at the numbers below and visit our website at www.fatima.com.ph

OUR LADY OF FATIMA COLLEGE
 FATIMA MEDICAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, INC.

Quezon City Campus: Hittop Subdivision, Lagro, Novaleshes
 Tel. Nos.: 935-2947, 419-1288, 419-1291

Valenzuela Campus: 120 McArthur Highway, Valenzuela, Metro Manila
 Tel. Nos.: 291-6644, 293-2703 to 06, 291-6556 Fax: 291-6504
 e-mail: admissions@fatima.edu.ph

OUR LADY OF FATIMA COLLEGE IS PROUD OF THE FOLLOWING OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS.

- COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**
 1st place DUMLAQ, Amapola B.
 2nd place CARREON, Carlo Rodrigo S.
 5th place LACSAMANA, Jocel J.
- COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**
 4th place LABAO, Hernan C.
 12th place PASSION, Mark U.
 18th place SARTORIO, Ethel John C.
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**
 8th place FORTUNO, Jocel L.
- COLLEGE OF NURSING**
 18th place RULE, Ma. Elena T.
- COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY**
 95.6% passing average in the last 3 years

HOTEL & RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

2nd place Culinary Grand Prix

NOW ACCEPTING FRESHMEN & TRANSFEREES FOR ALL COURSES.

- CURRICULAR OFFERINGS**
 Doctor of Medicine
 Doctor of Dental Medicine
 Physical Therapy
 Occupational Therapy
 Nursing
 Zoology
 Biology
 Psychology
 Nutrition & Dietetics
 Pulmonary/Respiratory Therapy
 Pharmacy
 Medical Technology
 Midwifery
 Hotel & Restaurant Management
 Tourism
 Computer Science
 Computer Technology
 Marine Transportation
 Marine Engineering
 Seafarer's Rating Course
 Criminology
 Elementary & High School
- MASTER OF ARTS IN:**
 Education
 Nursing
 Teaching+
 Public Health
 Business Administration+
 Public Administration+
 +Non-thesis

OUR LADY OF FATIMA COLLEGE
 (FATIMA MEDICAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, INC.)

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002

Across the NATION

A1

GMA first president to visit town

By Vicente S. Labro
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo on Friday made history as the first President to visit the hinterland municipality of Matuguinao, Samar.

The President inaugurated and launched projects in Matuguinao, talked with residents and vowed to make the town accessible by land travel.

Her visit lasted only 30-45 minutes, but it was a sentimental journey of sorts to her. The first highest official who first set foot on this mountain town was her father, the late President Diosdado Macapagal, when he was still Vice President.

Ms Macapagal pledged to construct a feeder road that will connect Matuguinao to Gandara, the nearest town, Matuguinao Mayor Jocella Dy said.

The construction of the road network, including at least two bridges, will reportedly cost about P100 million.

Matuguinao, a fifth-class municipality, is 25 kilometers upstream of Gandara town along the national highway. Residents, who have to travel about five hours by motorboat to reach Gandara, blamed the lack of road for their town's depressed condition.

Insurgency has also become a problem in the area.

It was learned that in the mid-1990s, a road project connecting Gandara to Matuguinao was implemented but the bridge components were not completed because the private contractor, Rolito Go, was implicated in a murder case and was arrested. The road section has since deteriorated.

While in Matuguinao, the President inaugurated a public market and distributed two checks worth P285,575 for the construction of

a septic tank and a water tank in the town's two poorest villages, as well as a P400,000-check for the DA-LGU counterpart program.

She distributed vegetable seeds, 30 2-kilo bags of registered rice seeds, two shallow tube wells, tilapia fingerlings and a P40,000 check for swine dispersal to farmers.

Later, in Tacloban, the President announced that the coconut farmers could avail themselves of the P53-billion coconut levy fund to help alleviate their plight.

Eastern Visayas is the third biggest coconut-producing region in the country, and most of those living in poverty are coconut farmers.

Ms Macapagal said the immediate use of the coconut levy fund is the key to uplifting the conditions of the poor coconut farmers.

"Hopefully, in June, we will already start using the coconut levy fund to finance projects for Region 8 (Eastern Visayas)," the President said in her arrival message here.

She added that with the availability of the coconut levy fund, micro-financing assistance would be extended to the poor coconut farmers for livelihood endeavors like multi-cropping and livestock raising under the coconut trees.

The President later distributed PhilHealth identification cards to some 880 indigents, farm equipment to farmers, certificates of land ownership awards, and several checks to abaca farmers' groups.

She attended the joint meeting of the Regional Peace and Order Council and the Regional Development Council held at the Convention Hall of the Leyte Park Resort.

The RPOC-RDC meeting was held behind closed doors. A copy of the program of activities obtained by the INQUIRER showed an agenda that included several proposed "flagship" projects, such as the 113.4 kilometer

Hinunangan-Silago-Abuyog road network in Southern Leyte, the 18-km Laoang-Palag-Lapinig-Oras road network for Northern Samar, the 1.4-km Palo-Tacloban alternative road, and the Basey, Samar irrigation project.

Paulyn Nayra, RDC co-chair and Southern Leyte Gov. Rosette Leras, said all the proposed "flagship programs," amounting to close to P2 billion, that have been identified by the RDC were approved in principle by the President. **With reports from Joey Gabieta and Cynthia Borgueta, PDI Visayas Bureau**

Vigilantes strike anew

DAVAO CITY—Just as Mayor Rodrigo Duterte returned from a month-long vacation, suspected members of the so-called Davao Death Squad struck anew, killing an alleged gay pimp and a gang member on Thursday night in separate incidents.

Police identified the victims as Felix Baylosis, alias Dodong Bayot, 25, of Veloso Extension, Barrio Obrero; and Giovanni de los Cientos alias Vanvan, 18, of Daliao, Toril District.

The first killing occurred at 6

p.m. when motorcycle-riding hit men attacked three men, including De los Cientos, at the crowded corner of Magallanes Street and Quirino Avenue.

Wounded in the attack was De los Cientos' companion, identified as Antonio Bitoon, 21, of Father Selga Street. The third person escaped unscathed.

Witnesses said the three men were buying cigarettes from a street vendor when the gunmen arrived. **Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau**

Rollerpoint

Write with ease.



Comes in Black, Blue, Red & Green Colours

Available at all leading Bookstores and Dept. Stores

Exclusively Distributed by: EURO PACIFIC LINK, INT'L CORP.
199 Ermin Garcia St., Cubao, Quezon City
Tel. No.: 911-7539 / 911-0039 / 911-0033 / Fax Nos.: 911-0046 / 911-0043
email us at: eplc@pacific.net.ph or visit us at www.rotiring.com

rotiring
KONOX

MANAGE DIABETES THE NATURAL WAY®



Amargozin helps manage blood sugar levels. Made from Ampalaya Makiling variety, which is grown only in the Philippines in organic and environment-friendly farms. Amargozin is processed in a BFAD-licensed pharmaceutical facility, which adheres to Current Good Manufacturing Practice (CGMP) standards.

Amargozin®

AMPALAYA CAPSULE 500 mg
Food Supplement for DIABETICS



(632) 411-9807 • 925-8468 • 925-1911



Pascual Laboratories, Inc.

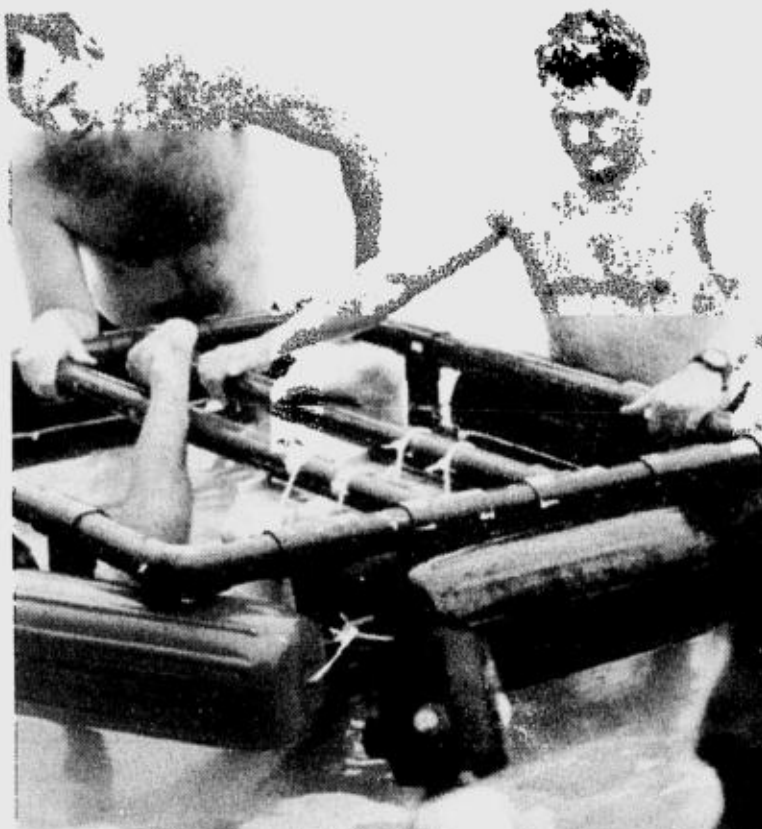
Available at all **mercury drug** stores and other leading drugstores nationwide.

NOW AVAILABLE IN THE U.S. Call Toll Free (800) 718-HERB HERBALSOURCE U.S.A.



**NOW AVAILABLE
IN BLISTER PACK**

BFAD PR No. 25611



SURVIVAL TRAINING

US Air Force trainers demonstrate in the Southern Command's swimming pool how to use a breathing device that could be used by pilots when their aircraft crash in water and they are trapped underneath.

DONDEE DONDOYAO

NAs kill ex-rebel assassin

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Four suspected members of the communist New People's Army gunned down a member of the city government's Civil Security Unit (CSU) here on Friday afternoon.

The victim, Jonathan Parangan, 39, was driving a jeep and was negotiating Roxas East Avenue when a man standing by the road shoulder flagged him down.

Parangan was talking to the man when two men approached him from behind and shot him in the head.

A woman reportedly served as the gunmen's lookout.

The assassins took the .45 cal. pistol of the victim before fleeing on foot. **Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau**

Police exec apologizes to kin of kidnap victims

BAGUIO CITY—The chief of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group finally apologized to the families of slain kidnap victims Tihani Tingal and Giancarlo Leung for the bureaucratic lapses that had slowed down their investigation.

Chief Supt. Nestorio Gualberto, CIDG director, also washed his hands off a judicial ruling that allowed the suspects to post bail.

But he did not veer away from the police theory that Leung and Tingal were murdered over a fraternity gang reprisal.

Charles Leung, Giancarlo's father and Baguio coordinator of the Violence Against Crime and Corruption (VACC), has disputed the fraternity angle. He has said the CIDG angle spawned more questions than answers.

"We commiserate with the family of the victims... This group is constantly monitoring the progress of the (case) and is continuously exerting efforts to gather additional witnesses (and) evidence in order to strengthen the prosecution of these cases," Gualberto wrote VACC chair Dante Jimenez.

A copy of Gualberto's letter was sent by Jimenez to the INQUIRER this week.

Gualberto referred to the arrest and ongoing trial in Pangasinan and Baguio of Raymundo Testado, Henry Sison and Ronald Domalina. They were arrested by the CIDG days after the March 11, 2001 murder of Leung and Tingal, based on the testimony of two witnesses, who claimed to have participated in the crime's planning.

The suspects and witnesses are core members of a Samahang Ilocano fraternity (SI) spillover

group called "Magic 5," who allegedly abducted the young Leung, a University of the Philippines College Baguio graduating student, and Tingal, a UP graduate, three days before they were killed.

One of the witnesses told the INQUIRER last year that "Magic 5" targeted Leung in retaliation for the supposed abuse of an SI sorority member by Beta Sigma members. Leung was Baguio chapter president of the Beta Sigma fraternity at the time of his abduction.

The elder Leung had asked Senior Supt. Generoso Bonifacio, CIDG Cordillera director, in a March 14 letter to identify the mysterious fraternity member, arguing that her absence could jeopardize the cases filed against the SI fraternity suspects.

Leung said he was looking into a romantic altercation that had involved his son and a member of a rich family here.

But Gualberto made no references to Leung's request.

Instead, Gualberto stressed that the kidnapping and murder trial of the suspects in Pangasinan was stalled by a bureaucratic problem, while a car theft suit and an illegal firearms case are pending before Baguio regional trial courts.

The kidnapping and murder trials were stalled when the presiding RTC judge in Pangasinan was replaced, Gualberto said. The Supreme Court is hearing several motions related to the shuffling of the trial judge.

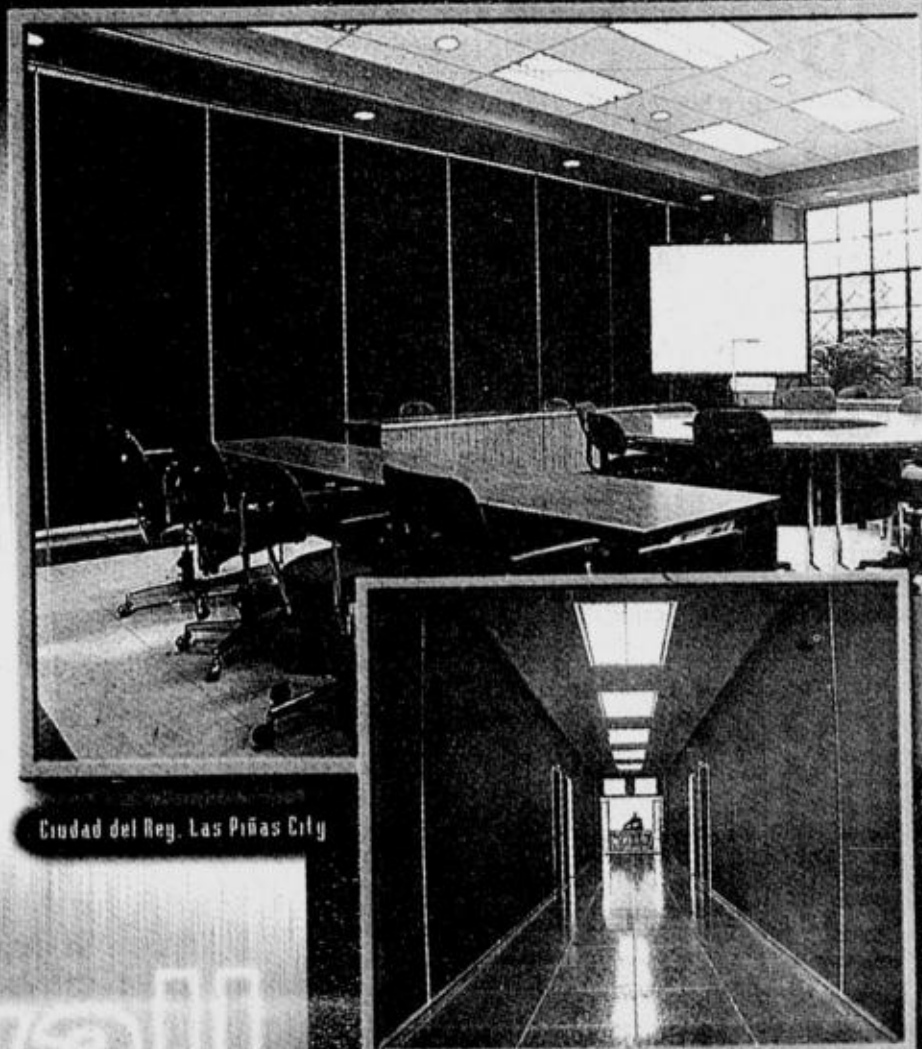
The trials for car theft and illegal possession of firearms are ongoing, Gualberto added. **Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau**

The Art
of Defining
Space

Variwall

varifold architectural products, inc.
The art of defining space

3187 Kalayaan Avenue, Makati City Tel. Nos.: 8820271 to 73 • 7292667 Fax: 8820269 e-mail: avi@varifold.com • www.varifold.com
Plant Address: Sitio Payong, Brgy. Dalig, Antipolo City



Operable Wall

Jovy: Marcos loot witness credible

From page A1

provide new information on how and where the Marcos money was kept.

The new information can be provided by the Canadian-Welsh barrister and solicitor, represented by Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP, one of the most politically influential law offices in the United States.

The law firm has links to the newly formed United States Office of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C., a Cabinet-level agency created by US President George Bush to "develop an integrated national strategy against domestic terrorism."

The US law firm is so sure about its witness, who is willing to testify that at least \$400 million in Marcos money was transferred from Credit Suisse in Switzerland to Liechtenstein, just before the court-ordered freeze on March 24, 1986.

Stiff price

But her testimony carries a stiff price. The US law firm has set general terms for the Philippine government if it decides to use the vital evidence in pinning down Credit Suisse and Limag AG.

The firm's terms of agreement involved payment of at least \$225,000 or P12.15 million, with the meter starting a month before the Philippine government representatives could start interviewing the witness in the United States.

The terms were contained in the law firm's letter to Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo and PCGG Chair Haydee Yorac. The letter was dated Feb. 22, 2002 and signed by one of the law firm's partners, Ian M. Comisky. The INQUIRER obtained a copy of the letter.

The fee starts with a \$75,000 (P4.05 million) payment to the "client" 30 days before any interview by the Philippine government. Then \$50,000 (P2.7 million) is to be paid to the lawyers before the meeting of the client with Philippine government representatives.

If the Philippine government is satisfied with the "quantity and quality of information" provided by the client after the completion of the initial interviews, it will have to shell out \$100,000 (P5.4 million).

But the \$225,000 (P12.15 million) fee being asked by the witness' lawyers is much lower than what the Philippine government has to pay to another US law firm, Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe.

This firm, which is paid \$360,123.12 in lawyers' fees, represents the PCGG in the human rights litigation in the United States and in the case involving Walter Fuller Aircraft Sales.

2 percent of funds

Aside from the \$225,000, the Philippine government will be required by Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP to pay its client an additional fee of 2 per-

cent of any funds recovered from Liechtenstein, Switzerland, or any other location where the funds were placed, based on the initial information provided by the witness.

The Philippine government is also being asked to indemnify the client for all attorneys' fees and costs to be incurred in connection with any potential defense or litigation initiated by any country or any individual of that country as a result of her cooperation with the Philippine government.

But more than this, the US lawyers are asking the Philippine government to "agree to waive sovereign immunity and consent to both jurisdiction in the United States and venue in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in connection with any litigation, should it become necessary, to enforce the terms of the agreement."

Confidential identity

In his letter to Romulo, Comisky also wanted that the witness first receive a "compulsion order" before she could provide any further information to the Philippine government, and that the Philippine government keep her identity "confidential."

These are among the seven general terms prepared by the Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP that it wants the Philippine government to observe should it decide to meet with its client.

"Our client has advised that she is willing to meet with representatives from the Philippine government at a location to be determined to discuss information pertaining to the March 1986 transfer of Marcos funds located in Switzerland to various institutions located in the principality of Liechtenstein," Comisky said.

"Specifically, our client has information regarding the transfer of approximately (US) \$400 million in Marcos money to Liechtenstein subsidiaries of a subsidiary of a very well-known Zurich, Switzerland corporation," it said.

The letter provided an initial proffer of evidence on the "possible areas of testimony" of the witness, who learned about the transfer while she was employed with KPMG Fides in Switzerland from 1996 until she was dismissed in 1997.

Madame Z was dismissed after it was learned that she had gained knowledge of the Marcos fund transfers in 1986.

The proffer said "Liechtenstein was initially 'unhappy' with the funds being transferred into the principality."

"Limag AG resolved the problems with Liechtenstein by appointing a prince of that principality, His Serene Highness Prince Constantine, to the board of Limag AG," it said.

After presenting to the Philippine government the initial proffer of what kind of evidence the witness could provide, Comisky said, "The meeting (of Philip-

pine government representatives to their client) will occur only upon an agreement by the Philippine government to the" seven general terms.

'Call me'

"If these general terms are acceptable, please call me to discuss the possibility further. We will then prepare a form of agreement, which will be circulated prior to scheduling an appearance for our client," Comisky said to Romulo.

But a source said it was not necessary for the Philippine government to agree to pay these amounts to the lawyers of the witness.

The source said the information provided by Madame Z could be requested from the French National Assembly where the witness had first testified. The Philippine government can also summon the witness to shed light on the Marcos fund transfers.

Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP is no ordinary US law firm. No less than the US Office of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. has recruited two of the law firm's attorneys for the fight against international terrorism.

Blank Rome attorneys Mark A. Holman and Carl M. Buchholz were recruited on Oct. 8, 2001, a month after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

They came . . .

From page A1

yesterday, in the wake of the ferry accident on Saturday afternoon that killed 19 women and children.

Their dramatic arrival at 6:30 a.m.—they used two helicopters, one white Sikorsky rescue chopper and a Huey—stirred not only the dust in this municipality but also the expectations of a grief-stricken people.

But minutes after receiving a briefing from Gov. Rogelio Espina at the Naval wharf, where the accident site could be viewed, the generals—Jacinto Ligo, Central Command chief, and Romeo Dominguez, 8th Infantry Division chief—left.

People alerted by the arrival of the helicopters at an unusual time noted that the generals left without taking a closer look at the half-sunk MT Nilode (not MB Melody, as earlier identified by local officials), which was only a few meters away.

The 60-foot motorized passenger boat, its right outrigger broken, had been towed from the accident site and docked at the wharf, near the helicopters' landing site.

The boat's passengers were revelers who had joined the Saturday morning parade and street-dancing contest for the 10th anniversary celebration of Biliran province and were on their way back to Maripipi Island.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, who visited this capital town on the night of May 10 and attended the Miss Biliran and Miss Biliran Tourism Pageant at the gymnasium of the Naval Institute of Technology, expressed sympathy for the victims of the tragedy.

She did so in a telephone call to Rep. Gerry Espina, the governor's father, a call aired live over Radyo Natin-Naval at around 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, five hours after the accident. **Rolando O. Borinaga, PDI Visayas Bureau**

Madame Z stood up to powerful

From page A1

Seeger retaliated by filing 18 complaints against Madame Z for treason, economic espionage, defamation and betrayal of professional secrecy.

She then joined KPMG in Zurich in 1996. But she was dismissed by KPMG after a year, but was not given any official reason. Her supervisor told her that she was considered an "untrustworthy whistle-blower."

Later, she learned that Credit Suisse, which had strong ties to KPMG, instigated the dismissal. She also discovered that the real reason for her sudden dismissal from KPMG was her knowledge of the Marcos fund transfers.

It was at KPMG where she learned of the Marcos fund transfers.

An unofficial translation of part of a French National Assembly report on obstacles to repress money laundering showed how the witness testified before the French body in May 2000. The INQUIRER obtained a copy of the translation of the report (Volume 3 Switzerland) published on Feb. 21 last year.

During the testimony, rapporteur Arnaud Montebourg asked Madame Z about her denunciations of the trafficking of body organs.

"You took the 'bull by the horns,' if I dare to make such a statement, and you proceeded to make a number of denunciations to the authorities of Liechtenstein, which the law obliges lawyers to do. When you arrived in 1996, did you make it your duty to alert the authorities in Liechtenstein of what you had seen?" Montebourg asked.

Under oath

Testifying under oath, Madame Z answered: "I proceeded in the same year to make my denunciations and gave my resignation (to the fiduciary agent). Nothing occurred for 13 months, but a lot hap-

pened when my employer learned that I had made these denunciations."

"He commenced to make complaints to the (Liechtenstein) justices. He deposited 18 (complaints)—I have the judgments here exonerating me concerning the (allegations of trafficking) in human bodies and blood," she said.

"Every time I get on with my life, he deposits another complaint, which takes up all my energy and time to deal with," she said.

Madame Z testified in Liechtenstein a week after she was appointed manager of KPMG in Zurich. KPMG later dismissed her.

"They paid me four months outstanding salary and told me that they had been pressured by Bank X (Credit Suisse), which is a very important client," she said.

"In addition, I learned that a client of one of the directors of Bank X, who is also a fiduciary in Liechtenstein—who is also a lawyer, was the object of the instruction and was mixed up with the illicit business of selling blood," she told the French National Assembly.

"Like all large organizations, Bank X called upon a known fiduciary agent, in fact, the president of one of the (major) political parties (in Liechtenstein)."

"The day this bank manager X learned that I testified against his customer in a business within the framework of which it had been a fiduciary agent and had touched dirty money, he telephoned my superior and told him to dismiss me," she said.

End of career

"That was the end of my career. My senior in rank told me that it was a pity because I had worked well. He gave me a letter of introduction, but added that I would never work again as a lawyer and that my career was finished in Switzerland and in Liechtenstein because I had

spoken with the authorities," she said.

Part of her testimony dealt with the transfer of Marcos deposits from Credit Suisse to Liechtenstein, a day before a Swiss court ordered a freeze on all Marcos accounts on March 24, 1986.

In 1999, three years after she filed the complaint in Liechtenstein against Seeger, a report in Germany confirmed the trafficking of body parts and blood from Russia.

The German secret intelligence service, the Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND), has compiled a report for the German government in 1999 chronicling the activities of the "Organisatzya" in the old Soviet Union and confirming the sale of children's body organs, according to a newspaper article in Scotland that came out on Nov. 14, 1999.

The article, written by Allan Hall in Berlin, was titled "Russian Mafia kills children for transplants."

The article, quoting the BND report, said that homeless children in Russia were being killed for their livers, kidneys and bone marrow.

It said the BND prepared a report for Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder about corpses of street children found in the last several years in St. Petersburg and Moscow. Part of the BND report said: "The children, homeless, vagrant, have been found murdered, their internal organs removed."

Months later, in May 2000, Madame Z testified before the French National Assembly about her knowledge of the trafficking of body parts.

French newspapers reported her testimony the next day, on May 26. But the news reports did not touch on the Marcos fund transfers.

On Sept. 7, 2000, Geneva prosecutor Bernard Bertossa started a preliminary inquiry into the illicit trafficking of body organs from Russia to Germany.

Power rate cut trade-off to ensure stable regime

From page A1

charge would result in savings of P170 a month.

Her decision was widely hailed by unions, as well as by the ordinary consumers. But what's the trade-off?

The power rate cut is like anesthesia that kills pain, but the pain will return, with more slashing intensity, when the drug wears off.

Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin has warned that since Napocor would absorb the PPA and not pass it on to the consumer, the "taxpayers" will eventually pay for the absorption of the charges. She said the national budget for this year had no provisions for the absorption of these costs. There was also no way Napocor could get a subsidy from the government due to its budgetary deficit.

Edgardo del Fonso, president of the Power Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM; they love acronyms in this country), said that reduction of power charges could force Napocor to borrow about \$300 million to make up for an estimated P15 million in revenue losses from July to December.

Biting the bullet

In the long term, the public will pay for the debt.

Apparently, the President refused to bite the bullet when she ordered the rate cut, offering quick relief to consumers.

In doing so, she threw off her back public pressure, especially from the trade unions, to deliver some concessions in exchange for no wage raises.

The President may have bought time for a longer-term solution to the always politically inflammatory power price issue.

This may even boost her popularity rating, but in her effort to consolidate her transitional government, she will have to travel a bumpy road on which she will have to negotiate trade-offs to ensure regime stability.

For the trade-off over power rates, she came, as expected, under fire from her political adversaries who say that the power cuts were another evidence of decision-making driven by the goal of improving her reelection chances in 2004.

It may be true, but if she did not cut the rates, an equally damaging accusation would arise—that she is insensitive to public clamor against "exorbitant" utility rates, with Napocor and Meralco as the principal demons, and that she is siding with the oligarchy.

The decision on the Napocor rate cuts is a good illustration of the dilemmas facing the presidency that assumed power through the extra-electoral route of people power in which too many groups are claiming credit for installing her and are holding her hostage.

Trade-offs

So, in the short passage to 2004, we must expect more short-term solutions ridden with trade-offs so the Macapagal administration can negotiate its transition to electoral legitimacy without causing a major political unrest.

Last Labor Day was also the anniversary of the May Day rebellion of the poor who stormed Malacañang. That the day passed without violence, despite dire predictions of coup plots or another mass attack on the Palace, is evidence of consolidation of power derived from trade-offs.

Her alliance with the military and the police to blunt attempts to foment vio-

lence paid off in terms of the support given by the security forces.

Since the President has been bashed from all sides of the political spectrum, including insignificant civil society groups aching for an authoritarian junta regime, the first order of the day was to keep military support firmly behind her.

This she succeeded with a combination of policy that brought benefits to the military—the policy of Philippine engagement with the US-led war on international terrorism—and rewards to military officers who helped her in taking power by withdrawing their support from the Estrada administration.

The evidence of her consolidation of support in the security forces did not escape the notice of Estrada supporters and those who were considering sowing disorders on May Day.

The military-police show of force and solidarity was an important factor in discouraging mass demonstrations that might have been intended to hijack the celebration of labor's interests on May Day.

Police state

The opposition, especially its members inclined to incite passions, has accused the President of installing a "police state." The basis of this is an alleged report to arrest Sen. Edgardo Angara and Sen. Panfilo Lacson if violence broke out on Labor Day. This report is as credible as swallowing broken glass without injury.

Angara's arrest was most improbable, and so Sen. Joker Arroyo had cause to mock him for acting on an unverified yarn.

The puzzle about Angara is that since he was a convener of the all-parties summit, he penalized the summit for his resentment against the administration by boycotting it,

rather than venting his spleen on the President.

The summit was not her baby. It was Speaker Jose de Venecia's.

The other basis of the police state accusation is the police blockade of provincial delegations out to join mass demonstrations in Manila on Labor Day. Given the experience of the May 1, 2001 attack on the Palace and the potential for street disorders getting out of hand, the police dispersal should be seen as a precautionary measure.

Real issue

The issue was whether the government, whose stability is still uncertain, could risk another uprising like that of last year's.

A government worth its salt has a right to defend the state from attack through preventive measures. Nothing can be worse than a weak government that can't defend the state.

A weak government is despised by unruly and lawless groups and does not inspire respect from citizens. Preventing such contingencies from happening is not installing a police state.

There were no wholesale arrests on Labor Day. The peaceful Labor Day marked a turning point toward political stability and consolidation that would allow the country to move toward economic recovery in the next two years.

On the question of President Macapagal-Arroyo being an authoritarian, one has to be reminded of Shakespeare. Like King Lear, she is a person who is "more sinned against, than sinning."

She gets the flak from all direction and her every move is quickly interpreted as politicking for 2004. She is damned if she does, damned if she does nothing.

THE DAILY GOSPEL



Monday, May 13, 2002
seventh week of Easter

First Reading: Acts 19:1-8

Gospel: Jn 16:29-33

The disciples said to Jesus, "Now you are speaking plainly and not in veiled language! Now we see that you know all things, even before we question you. Because of this we believe that you came from God."

Jesus answered them, "You say that you believe! The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me."

I have told you all this, so that in me you may have peace. You will have trouble in the world; but, courage! I have overcome the world."

Commentary

What a debt we owe to the Christians of the first century! They felt a burning desire to share their experience of Jesus. Unless we, too, have struggled to share what we believe about Jesus and why it matters to us, it is not yet our own. In the gospel the disciples rejoice to hear "in plain language" something they can understand, that Jesus came from and now returns to the Father. Jesus' subsequent words "You shall be scattered" seem to deflate their momentary security. The real strength of our faith is not found in any formulation of words, but in the person of Jesus himself and our relationship with him: "I have told you all this so that in me you may have peace."

Claretian Publications Inc., 8 Mayumi St., UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City, UP P.O. Box 4, Diliman, 1101 Quezon City; Tel.: 921-3984; Fax: 921-7429; E-mail: claret@cn1.net; Websites: http://www.bible.claret.org (Claretian Publications Inc.) & http://missionaries.claret.org (Claretians in the Philippines)

Camacho ouster sought

From page A1

said the committee lacked "experts who would implement the financial, technical and operational review of the IPP contracts."

"Nothing has been accomplished in this area of review... It should have been finished eight months ago," FDC spokesperson Jude Esguerra said at a news conference.

"Camacho has never attended to his assignment and he should be replaced as head of the committee," Esguerra added.

He also pointed out that the review committee was made up of representatives of various agencies that were responsible for approving the IPP contracts during the Ramos administration.

Esguerra cited the justice department that was now doing the main work of the committee. But the department, which was then headed by Teofisto Guingona, was responsible for upholding the legality of the Casecan irrigation-power generation project, one of the IPP contracts in question.

"(Vice President and Foreign Secretary) Guingona should explain and the committee should look into events that transpired leading to the signing of the contracts," Esguerra said.

He said one allegedly questionable IPP contract involved Magellan Cogeneration Inc. that supplies power at the Export Processing Zone in Cavite. Under an MCI-Napocor contract, the IPP would sell electricity to the state-owned firm that, in turn, would supply MCI with its fuel requirements.

According to the FDC, MCI ended by buying cheap, excess power from Napocor through its one-day power sale program and sell this at a steep price to the Cavite export zone.

"MCI has become a mere power broker, not a power supplier. It is ridiculous to be bound by this contract. This IPP contract with Napocor should therefore be rescinded," FDC said.

The group also cited Quezon Power, a non-Napocor IPP that has a 100-percent, take-or-pay contract with Meralco. Under a contract entered into by Meralco, it is obliged to pay for the 440 megawatts supposedly generated by Quezon Power and passes this cost on to Meralco customers.

The FDC said it had received reports that Quezon Power could generate only 220 mw needed by Meralco. Its customers, however, have to pay for 440 mw in the form of a higher PPA charge. **Gerald Lacuarta and Rocky Nazareno**



Quality Healthcare Beyond Compare.



Vicks Digital Thermometer



Vicks Personal Steam Inhaler



Vicks Steam Vaporizer 1.5 gallons



kaz Steam Vaporizer 1.2 gallons



kaz Steam Facial



kaz Evaporative Humidifier

Exclusively Distributed by:

Medical Center Trading Corp.
Pioneer St., Cor. Shaw Blvd., Pasig City
Tel.: (031) 711-6374 • 631-9366 • 637-6504
Fax: (031) 631-7868 • E-mail: medcon@info.com.ph

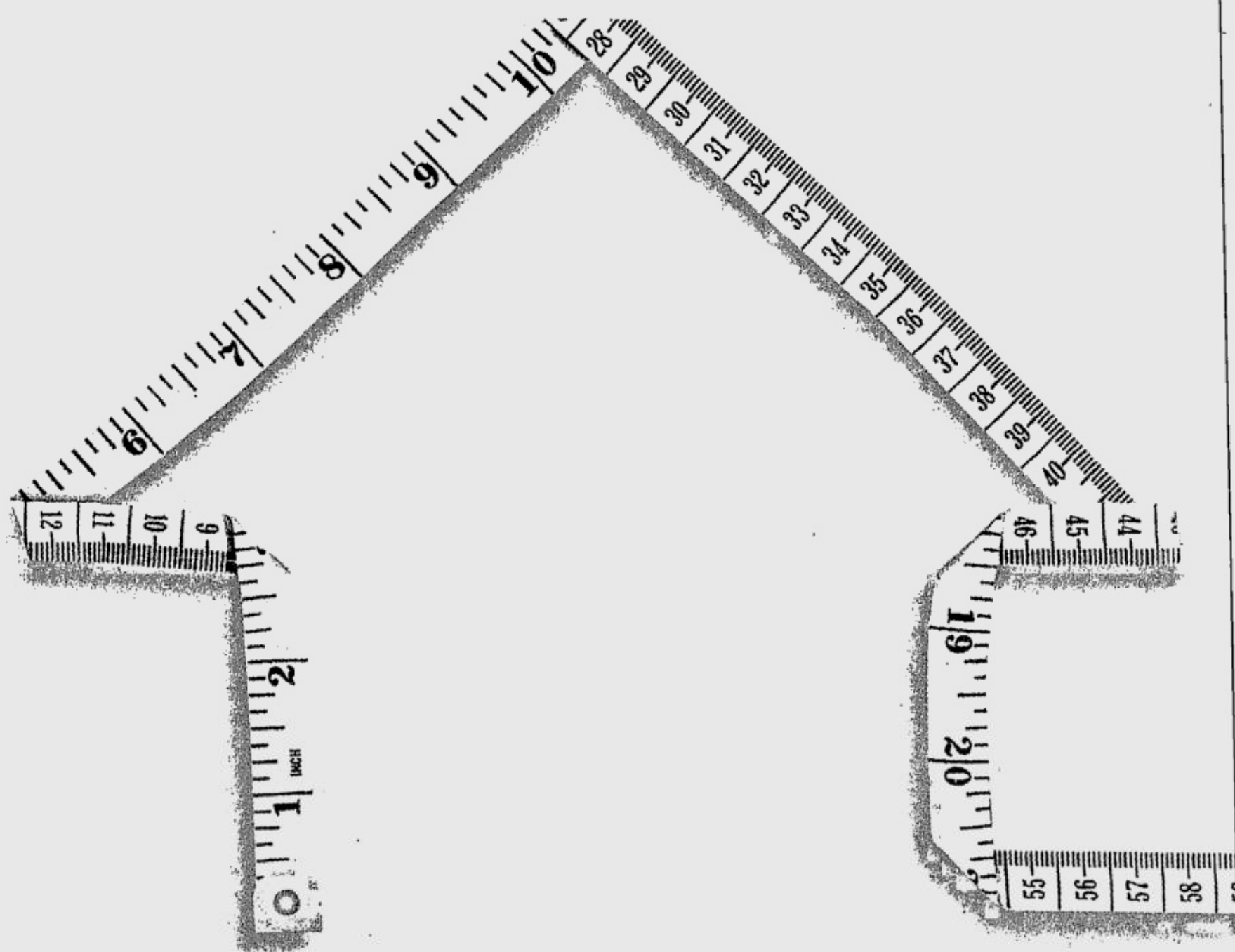
MANILA 711-6374
PAMPANGA (045) 001-7892

PASIG 031-1715
CEBU (032) 284-2387
LOILO (033) 320-1413

LIPA (043) 757-2001
DAVAO (082) 222-4404

Available at
mercury drug
Stores Nationwide

Want to maintain *your* figures for the next 20 years?



NOW YOU CAN with the Philamlife Fixed Rate Housing Loan Program.

PHILAMLIFE, the country's leading insurance company offers you its Fixed Rate Housing Loan Program which offers a low interest of 13% for as long as 10 years!

Now, you can be protected against fluctuating interest rates.

With the Philamlife Fixed Rate Housing Loan Program, you can finally have your dream home and know what will it cost.

Term	Interest Rate	Monthly Amortization For P1M
10 years	13.0%	P14,931.07
15 years	13.5%	P12,983.19
20 years	14.0%	P12,435.21

*Interest rates subject to change based on the prevailing rate at the time of loan drawdown.

You could take it easy! Your monthly amortization could go as low as P4,352.32 for a minimum loan amount of P350,000.00, payable in 20 years. The Philamlife Fixed Rate Housing Loan Program. From the country's most financially stable insurance company, Philamlife.

Call Philamlife now! 885-8765 to 70
Trunkline: 885-7777 Fax: 885-8756

www.ephilam.com



AIG A Member of
American International Group, Inc.

LIFE • PERSONAL ACCIDENT • CREDIT LIFE • PENSIONS • GROUP LIFE • GROUP MEDICAL • FIRE • AUTO • HOUSING LOAN

YES! I'm interested in securing my home through the Philamlife Fixed Rate Housing Loan Program.

Name: _____ Age: _____
Occupation: _____
Home Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Fax/Pager/Cell/E-mail: _____
Business Address: _____ Business Phone: _____
Please send this coupon to the Mortgage Finance Department, PHILAMLIFE INSURANCE CO., INC., 23rd Floor Philamlife Tower, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City



MITSUBISHI COLOR FILM



Feb. 15 - May 15, 2002

**Buy
MITSUBISHI
COLOR FILM
& get 2
Mitsubishi
Heavy duty
batteries
FREE!**

P99.00
MX 135
36 exp.
ASA 400



P89.00
MX 135
36 exp.
ASA 200



P200.00
MX 135
24 exp.
ASA 200



P79.00
MX 135
24 exp.
ASA 200





Made in Japan

Per DTI NCR Permit No. 0093 Series of 2002

**AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE AT ALL
MITSUBISHI 1 HOUR PHOTO**

ORIENTAL PHOTOGRAPHIX
PHOTOLINE & PICTURE CITY

Distributed by: SOLID TRIANGLE SALES CORP.
Tel. 633-9131 / 634-5791 / 637-4348 to 50
Fax: 634-5493 / 635-7406

PET PLANS 8th

PETPlans treated its business partners to yet another fabulous National Sales Convention at Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort. From April 23 to 25, business partners took a break from their mundane existence and experienced total ecstasy in the paradise that is Mactan.

PETPlans' finest from all over the country flocked to Shangri-La on the morning of April 23rd to kick-off three days of fun and excitement in the famed resort which boasts of a 13-hectare tropical garden, superior facilities and a stretch of white beach ala Boracay.

During the Awards Night – the first major activity and also the most awaited moment in every PETPlans Convention – Business Partners were rewarded in front of their peers. The most prestigious Lorenzo M. Tañada Award was handed out to Business Partners with exemplary performance in their respective categories.

This year's Awards Night, which had an *Indiana Jones* feel, was hosted by none other than celebrated couple Dingdong Avanzado and Jessa Zaragoza. The good-looking pair provided entertainment and dished out their old hits to the delight of the audience.

Fellowship Night spelled P-A-R-T-Y as business partners proceeded to the beach garbed in their best *luau* attire. A spectacular under-the-sea-inspired stage greeted the delegates as dramatic actor, producer and director Eric Quizon added spice to the festive atmosphere. Cash prizes, free overnight stays at the Shangri-La, scooters and a brand-new Isuzu Highlander were raffled off. After that, it was time to let their hair down and succumb to the infectious beat provided by two of Cebu's most popular bands – Serendipity and Livewire.

PETPlans Business Partners had an undeniably grand time in Mactan. Truly, they are worthy to be called *conquistadores*. They not only conquered Cebu, they conquered success!

See you in Davao and Bangkok in 2003!



Handsome couple Dingdong Avanzado and Jessa Zaragoza share smiles with President and CEO Adrian V. Ocampo and a handful of radiant PETPlans Business Partners during the Awards Night.



EVP Lorenzo T. Ocampo acknowledges TBOTH/AVP Carolyn Alconar and her Cebu Business Center staff for being great hosts to the NSC delegation.



The entire NSC delegation flashing their jubilant, high-spirited smiles.



A beaming TBOTH/AVP Minda Nambong of Murtel Business Center poses with PETPlans President and CEO Adrian V. Ocampo and matinee idol Eric Quizon. TBOTH Nambong represented her business partner who won the Isuzu Crosswind raffled off during the Fellowship Night.



The Most Outstanding Cashiers of 2001, flanked by EVPs Noelito R. Trinidad and Adolfo A. Orallo, proudly show off their trophies and cash prizes.



Board of Directors Wigberto "Bobby" Tañada and Millette Ocampo present the awards for the year's Lorenzo M. Tañada awardees.



The new inductees to the prestigious Business Partners Consultative Forum (BPCF) take their oaths led by EVP Lorenzo T. Ocampo.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Seated, from left to right : **Fr. Edmundo Martinez S. J.**, Vice Chairman, President, Ateneo de Davao University; **Atty. Eduardo delos Angeles**, Chairman, Senior Partner, Romulo, Mabanta, Buenaventura, Sayoc & Delos Angeles Law Office; **Adrian V. Ocampo**, President & CEO, President, Margarita Investment & Management Co., Inc.

Standing, from left to right : **Millette T. Ocampo**, Director, President, Manila Handicraft & Marketing Corp.; **Lorenzo T. Ocampo**, Director, EVP, PETPlans; **Enrique M. Herbosa**, Treasurer, Former President, UCPB; **Wilfrido E. Sanchez**, Director, Financial & Tax Consultant; **Jose Ibazeta**, Director, Member of the Board, Anscor; **Wigberto "Bobby" Tañada**, Director, Former Senator & Congressman; **Beatriz Romulo**, Director, EVP, I/Exchange Bank; **Erlinda M. Henson**, Director CFO, PETPlans

National Sales Convention

April 23 to 25, 2002 • Shangri-La's Mactan Island Resort, Cebu City



A W A R D E E S

Business Consultants (BC)



TOP BUSINESS CONSULTANT
Della V. Gimeno
Southern Luzon



Ofelia C. Mesuelo
Central Luzon
1st Runner-Up



Scarlet Lace Almirante
Northern Mindanao
2nd Runner-Up



Evelyn Lansangan
Central Luzon
3rd Runner-Up



Rhea Grace Barro
Western Mindanao
4th Runner-Up



Noel C. Perez
Central Luzon
5th Runner-Up



Gasperlita Julia
Central Visayas
6th Runner-Up



Leonor T. Lingaya
NCR
7th Runner-Up



Remilyn Vitangcul
Central Luzon
8th Runner-Up



Karen Katherine Sicat
Central Luzon
9th Runner-Up

Business Group Managers (BGM)



TOP BUSINESS GROUP MANAGER
Dioneto Mesuelo
Central Luzon



Reynaldo V. Gimeno
Southern Luzon
1st Runner-Up

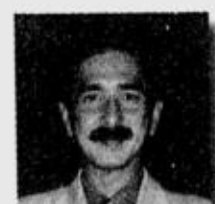


Rosemarie T. Tan
Central Visayas
2nd Runner-Up

Regional Business Operations Heads (RBOH)



TOP RBOH
Teodorica T. Roxas
NCR



Reynaldo C. Casal
Southern Mindanao
1st Runner-Up



Adelfa T. Banal
Central Luzon
2nd Runner-Up

Business District Managers (BDM)



TOP BUSINESS DISTRICT MANAGERS

Ayleen Guiao
Central Luzon



Felino F. Briones
Western Mindanao



Marlinda Ramirez
NCR
2nd Runner-Up

Territorial Business Operations Heads (TBOH)



TOP TBOH
Evelyn Marie G. Teves
Northern Mindanao



Carolyn E. Aleonar
Central Visayas
1st Runner-Up



Aniana B. Briones
Western Mindanao
2nd Runner-Up

SPECIAL AWARDS



Teodorica R. Roxas
NCR
Most Number of Delegates by an RBOH



Reynaldo C. Casal
Southern Mindanao
Most Number of Delegates by an RBOH



Felino F. Briones
Western Mindanao
Most Number of Recruits



Reynaldo C. Casal
Southern Mindanao
Most Number of Plans Sold by an RBOH



Julio R. Velonza
NCR
BGM with the Most Number of Recruits



Jose Ma. S. Lava
Western Mindanao
RBOH with the Most Number of Recruits



Della V. Gimeno
Southern Luzon
Highest ICBI for Group Accounts by a BC



Daisy Roncal
NCR

BDM Excellence Award

ANGELES CITY
Most Number of Delegates by a Business Center

SANTIAGO CITY
Most Number of Plans Sold by a Business Center

SINDANGAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE
Service Center with the Most Number of Plans Sold

ORMOC CITY
Service Center with the Highest ICBI

CEBU CITY (HOLDINGS)
Business Center with the Highest SCBI

Elite Early Bird Awardees

Virginia T. Yu
Western Mindanao
Aileen M. Deguiño
Central Visayas

Manuelita T. Libor
Cebu City
Werle A. Hernandez
Northern Mindanao

Rookie Business Consultants Of The Year

Aileen M. Deguiño
Central Visayas
Werle A. Hernandez
Northern Mindanao
Virginia T. Yu
Western Mindanao

Drive 2 Drive
Crosswind Winner!



Isabel Esmelle Naval
Central Mindanao



Scooter Winners!



Demosthenes C. Morales
Eastern Visayas



Marlou L. Fuentes
Western Mindanao



Reynan F. Braza
Central Mindanao

PET PLANS

PENSION, EDUCATION & MEMORIAL PLANS

It Pays Well to Plan Well.

PETPlans Center, 114 Aguirre St., Legaspi Village, Makati City
Tel. No : 892-5546 Fax No : 893-9539
www.petplans.com

The Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved this advertisement or determined if this is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary constitutes a violation of the securities regulation code and is criminally punishable. The public is encouraged to report immediately to the Securities and Exchange Commission any misrepresentation or false or inaccurate statement.



SUPERLOTTO 6/49

29 6 17 31 47 24

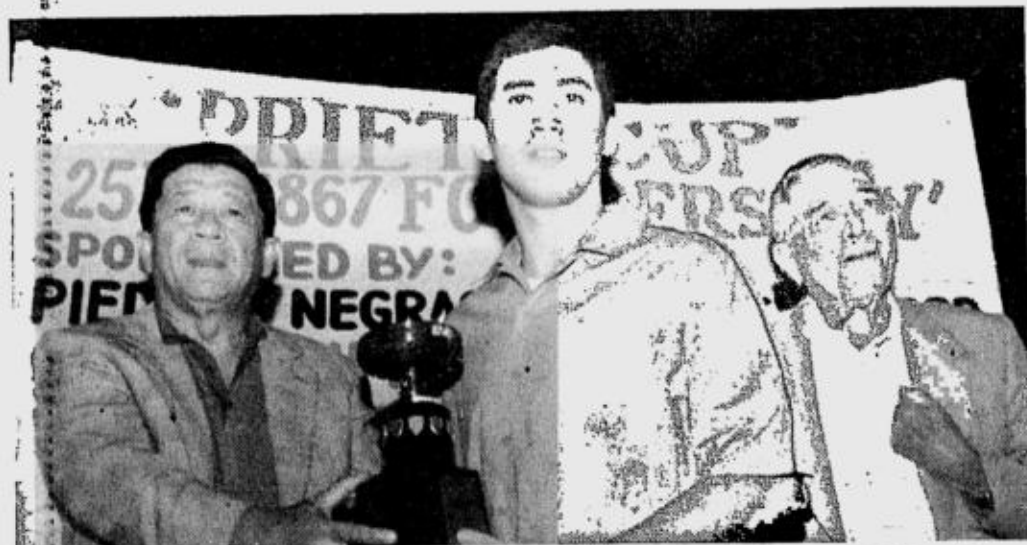
SPORTS

Editor Al S. Mendoza • Assistant Editor Edwin M. Villanueva

Trinidad whips Cherifi

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—Felix Trinidad moved a step closer to a middleweight title fight, stopping French journeyman Hachine Cherifi in the fourth round. Trinidad, who improved to 40-1 with his 34th knockout, landed a right to the face that sent Cherifi to the canvas Saturday night.

AP



PAOLO Mendoza (middle) receives the Prieto Cup from Manila Jockey Club chief Alfonso Reyno as former MJC president Leo Prieto looks on.

Batangas Entry captures Prieto Cup at San Lazaro

By Edwin Villanueva

BATANGAS Entry used his vaunted speed to the hilt to rule the Prieto Cup yesterday at the San Lazaro Hippodrome.

Coming off a two-month rest, Batangas Entry barged out of the gates ahead of the rest to take control and win the 1,900-meter race by five lengths.

The four-year-old colt owned by basketball star Paolo Mendoza and trained by his father, sportsman-businessman Rudy, encountered only a brief challenge from Family Task before coasting to his first big win since placing third in the First Gentleman Silver Cup last February.

"Ang ganda ng ipinakita sa barrier kaya sabi ko kay Boss Rudy at Boss Paolo malaki ang panalo namin sa Prieto Cup," said ace jockey Pat Dilema, who was tapped back to mount Batangas Entry in place of Miguel "Badjao" Recosana.

Batangas Entry (Piker-Because Milady),

also conditioned by Nick Atienza, bagged P360,000 after nailing his sixth victory in 13 starts.

Putch Puyat's Staunich Ally, the horse who snapped Wind Blown's winning run, came in second for P135,000. Hyperbid rallied to claim third spot, while Myther Buñag's Ilocandia Slew salvaged fourth. Family Task faded to fifth.

"Mabuti ang kundisyon ng kabayo," said Paolo Mendoza of his galloper who twice placed second to Wind Blown last year. "We'll see kung saan namin siya susunod na isasali."

The Prieto Cup, also known as the Founder's Cup, is being held in honor of the Prieto family in recognition of their valuable contribution to local horse racing.

Former Manila Jockey Club president and renowned sportsman Leo Prieto was on hand to award the trophies to the top winners.

Batangas Entry negotiated the race in 2:01.5 (17-23-26.5-26.5-28.5).

SAMSUNG CUP FINALS

Alaska takes Game 1

GAME TOMORROW
(Araneta Coliseum)
6:30 p.m.—Alaska vs
Purefoods (Game 2,
Finals)

By June Navarro

ALASKA made Derrick Brown bleed for baskets down the stretch to post a 79-73 victory over Purefoods in the opener of their PBA Samsung Governors Cup Finals series last night at the Araneta Coliseum.

Ron Riley and Bryan Gahol alternated in handcuffing Brown as the Aces pulled away from the Hotdogs in the final quarter.

"Some nights we'll be able to stop him (Brown), some nights we'll be unconscious of him. But overall, we did a good job on him," said Alaska coach Tim Cone, now on his 17th finals stint with the Aces.

Possessing a knack for making crucial shots in the stretch, Brown hit nine of his 35 huge points in the final 10 minutes but was forced to throw away the baskets that mattered most.

The Aces forced the Hotdogs into



DERRICK Brown of Purefoods (left) slips past Alaska's Ron Riley.

AUGUST DELA CRUZ

costly turnovers as Brown flubbed an attempt at point-blank, while Rey Evangelista and Kerby Raymundo missed their shots down the stretch.

Scores:

ALASKA 79—Head 23, Riley 19, Gahol 8, Lastimoso 8, Arigo 7, Noble 6, Allado 6, Walkvist 2, Santos 0
PUREFOODS 73—Brown 35, Price 16, Evangelista 9, Magsanoc 6, Raymundo 4, Patrimonio 3.
Quarters: 16-21, 43-35, 59-63, 79-73.

Olongapo trips LBC

GAME SATURDAY (St. La Salle Coliseum)
6 p.m.—Negros vs Davao

LIPA CITY, Batangas—The Olongapo Volunteers rode on the clutch hits of Brixter Encarnacion to down the LBC Batangas Blades, 93-78, last night and emerge the North's top qualifier in the MBA First Conference at the Lipa Youth and Cultural Center here.

The 6-foot-4 Encarnacion canned an off-balanced triple and then drove in to give the Volunteers an 84-71 lead with less than three minutes left. Those points stopped the rallying Blades and handed the Volunteers their seventh win in 10 outings.

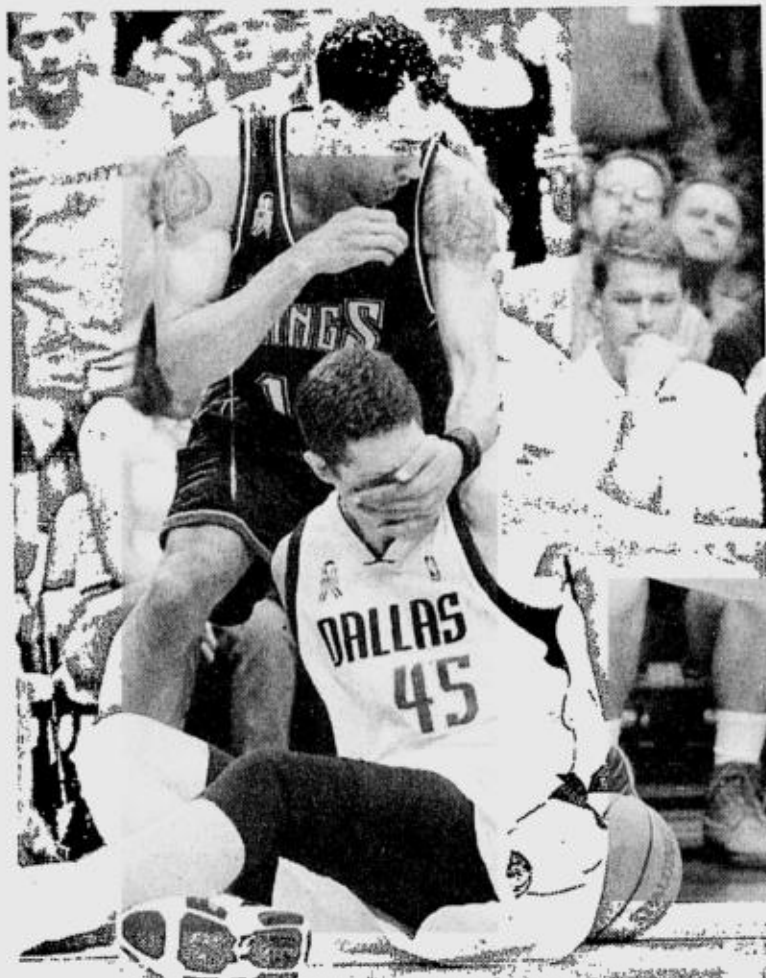
More important, the Volunteers gained the homecourt and psychological edge on their knockout semifinal game on May 19.

Olongapo also beat LBC Batangas, 90-85, in their first meeting on April 7 at the Olongapo Convention Center. LBC Batangas finished the eliminations at 6-4.

Meanwhile, Cebuana Lhuillier closed its campaign in the First Conference with avengeful 78-70 victory over RCPI Negros Saturday night at the University of St. La Salle Coliseum in Bacolod City.

The Gems wound up with a 6-4 card, same as that of the Professional Davao Eagles, but were dislodged by the Eagles for the second semifinal slot in the Southern Conference. The Gems beat the Eagles by four points (107-103) in their first meeting, but bowed by 18 (97-75) in their second encounter.

Roy Luarca



IN YOUR FACE

Sacramento's Doug Christie covers the face of Dallas' Raef LaFrentz (45) as they battle for ball control in the first half of their NBA West Conference semifinal series in Dallas on Saturday night. The Kings leaned on Mike Bibby's drive with 12.2 seconds left in overtime to win, 115-113, and take a 3-1 lead. The Kings gun for the clincher at home on Monday night (Tuesday morning in Manila).

AP

Victorino trips Abadia, cops 1st Open crown

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—Davis Cupper Joseph Victorino captured his first Open title Saturday night by downing No. 2 Adelo Abadia, 6-4, 6-3 in the Coca-Cola National Tennis Championships at the New Subic Bay International Tennis Center here.

The fourth-ranked Victorino also prevented Abadia from bagging his sixth career title.

"I'm happy for this victory," said the 17-year-old Victorino, who finally claimed his first title after losing in the finals of the Milo-Palawan, Classic Pro and TMS Open.

"I was confident before the match. I really wanted to win so I did my best out there," said the 17-year-old Victorino, who earned P20,000. He received the championship trophy from Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority Chair Felicitio Payumo, Coca-Cola Bottlers Phils. Inc. president Genju Lapez, Phila president Salvador Andrada and PLDT marketing manager Jonjon San Agustin.

Victorino, a protégé of Manila Southwoods Tennis Academy director Manny Tecson, faced a tough challenge from Abadia throughout the 1 hour, 23 minutes encounter.

Abadia later teamed up with RP's No. 1 Johnny Arcilla to beat Victorino and Michael Mora III in the doubles finals, 4-6, 6-0, 7-6 (4).

Meanwhile, Czarina Mae Arevalo beat Patricia Santos, 6-1, 7-6 (5), to pocket the women's singles title in this nestfest supported by Truflex, PLDT, Union Bank, Dunlop, Wilson, Prince, Chris Sports, Union Cement and Adidas.

Arevalo and Santos bagged the doubles title over UST's Charise Godoy and Julie Ann Cadiente, 6-4, 7-5.

Boy's 18-under top seed Yannick Guba of Bacolod defeated Sultan Kudarat's Ronald Joven, 6-2, 6-1, for his second straight title.

In the team tennis division, Philippine Columbian Association beat Valle Verde Country Club, 3-2, in the finals.

Bacolod Rotary golf meet gets major boost

THE SOUTHERN leg of the annual Rotary Golfing Fellowship Foundation (RGFFP) tournament slated to be held at the Negros Occidental Golf and Country Club and the Bacolod Golf Club on June 13-15 got another big boost with the entry of PLDT as a major sponsor.

The support of the PLDT also ensured a special television coverage for the much-awaited Bacolod leg which is usually attracts a big field from all points of the nationwide Rotary map.

RC Bacolod Marapara's Alex Montelibano, the host club's overall chairman, assured participating Rotarians that they are leaving no stone unturned just to make their return visit a memorable one.

RGFFP Chair Bimbo Salazar is

expected to be among the top officials flying to Sugarlandia for the three-day bash.

Aside from trophies partly sponsored by Asahi Glass, participants are also assured of fabulous raffle prizes which include latest golf equipments from Taylor Made Adidas Golf, non-cashable chips and gift items from Casino Filipino, plane tickets from Cebu Pacific, complimentary certificates from various hotels, and lots of appliances and souvenir items from RGFFP.

Tournament fee is P2,800 if paid on or before June 5 and P4,000 if paid after June 5.

Other backers are General Nutrition Centers (GNC), Menzi & Co., Asahi Glass, Nutrasweet (Equal) and Nike Park.

Racing school opens May 26

THE TUASON Racing School will officially open its doors to speed enthusiasts interested in circuit racing courses on May 26 at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Barangay Maligaya, Rosario, Batangas.

The clinic will be conducted by the Tuason Racing Team Oxygen, headed by former Karter of the Year JP Tuason and wife Jeanette who have undergone training and conducted a research on different racing schools and facilities in the US and Europe, including Skip Barber Racing School, Jim Russell, Richard Petty Nascar Experience and the Andretti Speed Lab.

The country's first comprehensive hands-on racing school, sponsored

by Oxygen, Standard Insurance, Batangas Racing Circuit, Sparco, Blue Moon, AC Motorsports, Autoline, Concept Wheels, Paintworks and Lessonal Paint, will be conducting one class a month.

Interested students will have a hands-on use of their six race-prepared cars for circuit racing, aside from extensive lapping sessions and personal accident insurance from Standard Insurance.

Among the other lessons included in the initial session are racing basics such as heel and toe, downshifting and braking, the racing line and car balancing.

For inquiries, call Len at 531-2962 or 535-4769 or send e-mail at trrteam@yahoo.com.

Touring car tilt slated

THE COUNTRY'S top drivers battle for top honors when the 2002 Casino Filipino Grand Prix presents the kickoff of the Philippine National Touring Car Championship on May 18-19 at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Barangay Maligaya, Rosario, Batangas.

The Philippine National Touring Car Championship Series is dubbed as the most prestigious car racing competition since this eight-leg series, sanctioned by the governing Philippine Motor Association, and sponsored by the Philippines Shell, Casino Filipino, Toyota Motors Phil., MOF Shipping, Norkis-Yamaha, Marlboro and Kilton Motors Corp., will be the basis for the country's overall Driver of the Year award.

The Batangas Racing Circuit Association has lined up racing superstars like Jojo Silverio, Jody Coseteng, Louie and Kookie Ramirez and Mike Potenciano.

Derby weights submission today

TODAY (May 13) is the submission of official entries to the 12th Ucap 7-Cock Derby at the Mandaluyong Coliseum.

Exclusive sponsors are Sagupaan Super Feeds and Wash-out Shampoo of Lakpue drug.

Entries will be accepted from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Derby hosts are lawyer Rudy Salud, Lito Orillaza and Boy de Roca.

Last week, Ucap president Butch Macasaet (BJ Greenwood) and the tandem of Alan Tan and Charlie

Reyes (Nevada Fantastic J-Cap) rules the 11th Ucap 7-Cock Derby by posting six wins and one loss each.

With 5.5 points were Esting Teopaco and Capt. Ben Rodriguez (EGT Stingers) and R. Salud/L. Orillaza (winning Time DVH Jobo). Tito Reyes and Mario Villamor (TR Phoenix BL), Mauro Prieto (Anito MB) and Mayor Gerry "Boy" Espina (AT Alkalde Dominator) racked up five wins each.

Meanwhile, the Ucap Matchmakers 4-Cock Derby is all set at the

Mandaluyong Coliseum this coming Saturday, May 18, with longtime partners Goddy Lamboloto and Ariel Garvillo as hosts.

The second leg of Mandaluyong Coliseum's 2002 International 9-Cock Derby is all set on June 4, 6 and 8 with OPMI president Vic Yu and Ramon Mansenares as hosts.

Last January, three cockers emerged as co-champions in the first leg: Jun Marasigan of Saipan, Henry Tan and Boy de Roca/engineer Garcia.

Big Dome hosts NCA 7-cock tourney

ANOTHER blockbuster NCA 7-Cock Derby will be held today (Monday) and Wednesday at the air-conditioned Araneta Coliseum featuring the best fighting cocks of the country's most respected sportsmen-businessmen in nerve-frazzling fights.

It will be hosted by popular lawyer and former PBA Commissioner Rudy Salud, Lito Orillaza, Mario Villamor of Phoenix fame and the pioneer Firefly Group.

Competing are Big Dome owner Nene Araneta, Danding Cojuangco, James Chiongbian, former Rizal

Gov. Ito Ynares, two-time Cocker of the Year Jun Santiago, Pampanga's pride June and Rudy Jingco, Meycauayan Mayor Eddie Alarilla, World Slasher champion Dicky Lim, the Madlambayan brothers, noted breeder Boy Jiao, Alex and Gerry Escalona, Boy Lechon and RQP, Louie Cua, Jessie Vico, Vic Amante, Iking Araneta, Ram Lopez, Eddie and Bomboy Araneta, Ruel Ricafort, Manny Kho, Tos Reyes, Alan Tan, John Capinpin, Frank Berin and Rep. Rudy Albano. Also in the fold are Patrick Puno, Boyet Joson, Dennis Roldan, Ruel Feliciano and Sons, Boy Velez,

Johnny Jalandoni, Ed Ledesma, Boy Nilo Lizares, Ramon Guanzon, Felix Trebol, Pol Estrellado, Boy Primallon, Kano Daniel, Arthur Uy and Jong-Jong Morales of Mindanao.

This is the 13th leg of a year-round NCA cock derby series. Together with the two-part World Slasher 8-Cock Derby, the series will pick the winner of the coveted Cocker of the Year award. Next on tap is the NCA 7-Cock Derby on May 20-22 hosted by Louie Cua, Boy de Roca and Mayor Eddie Alarilla.

Adamson bags 'volley' title

By Dennis Eroa

BORACAY—Adamson University capped a perfect weekend with a masterful 21-19, 21-10 conquest of Dumaguete's Foundation University and crowned itself queen of the 6th Nestea Beach Volley University championship yesterday at the Hey Jude beachfront here.

Bicolana charmer Ailane Quina thrilled the crowd with her all-around court brilliance as she teamed up with newcomer Kristine Anne Dave in giving the Lady Falcons their first-ever major beach volleyball plum.

The Adamson belles, who downed Letran, 21-10, 21-18 in the semifinals came to the game expecting a down-the-wire match with the Visayan lasses, who whipped St. Jude, 21-16, 21-5, in the other semifinals pairing.

But foundation's Rolyn Marquicias and Cherrie Mae Boladola were unable to mount a serious challenge as they fell prey to a bad case of jitters.

While Adamson shone with its smart plays, Foundation committed numerous unforced errors.

The win was worth P100,000 for Quina and Dave. Adamson will also get P50,000 worth of sports equipment from the sponsoring Nestle Phils. Foundation, which finished runner-up for the second straight year, settled for P50,000.

Earlier, St. Jude College's Angie Adorable and Kriza Cabanog rallied from a first set loss to frustrate Letran's Cathlea Villaluz and Sherilyn Carillo, 7-21, 21-14, 15-12, and win the P25,000 third prize.

"We're determined to finish the game in straight sets. The heat is getting to be unbearable and I feel that foundation will have the advantage in the decider," said the 21-year-old Quina, an ashmatic. She vomited early in the second set due to exhaustion.

Quina's well-placed spike gave Adamson the first set, 21-19 and the Lady Falcons quickly raced to a commanding 13-5 lead in the second.

In the men's finals, University of San Jose Recoletos completed a bad day for foundation as it bagged the title, 15-21, 21-19, 15-10. Jerome Capada and Norvie Labuga banked on their quickness to upstage defending champions Kent Bulabon and Isidro Bongcasan.

The Cebuanos also won P100,000 and P50,000 worth of sports equipment. Third place went to Mapua which dominated PATTS, 21-19, 21-6.

LGUs support 4-day race

AIRFREIGHT 2100, sole franchisee of Federal Express in the Philippines, is no longer alone in its quest to bring back the glory of cycling through the revival of the Tour after several entities threw their support first to the four-day Calabarzon race and second to the five-year program.

Local government units in the economic growth area have received the Tour with open arms and have enthusiastically declared their support for the four-day event, which will pass through their area.

PCHelp **COMPUTER SERVICE**

IN HOME & IN OFFICE COMPUTER REPAIR

Honest and Experienced Technicians

✓ DIAGNOSTICS ✓ MAINTENANCE

✓ UPGRADES ✓ PRINTER/MONITOR REPAIRS

✓ NETWORKING ✓ SOFTWARE PROBLEMS/INSTALLATION

✓ NEW COMPUTER SET UP

LOWEST PRICES
JOBS GUARANTEED

727-2222

Clash of champions

MY exclusive report last May 8 about a billiards "dream series" to be staged here next month has been confirmed. On June 6-9, some of the world's best and toughest pool pros will show their stuff once more before local fans during the multimillion-peso Motolite World 9-Ball Challenge at the Casino Filipino-Paranaque, with reigning World Pool champion Mika Immonen of Finland and US Open title holder Corey Deuel leading the entry roster. Also seeing action in this year's biggest and most exciting billiards event are Earl "The Pearl" Strickland, the flamboyant American five-time world champion; Japan's top cue artist Kumihiko Takahashi and Puyat Sports' mainstays Efrén "Bata" Reyes, Francisco "Django" Bustamante, Antonio "Nikoy" Lining and new Pinoy sensation Dennis Orcullo.

CLEAN LIVING



Manolo R. Inigo

By making these dream matches come true, local promoters particularly Puyat Sports (headed by billiards' eternal benefactors brothers Popit and Putch Puyat) will surely lift the spirits of their countrymen who are shaken by the prevailing political and economic turmoil. Through the years, the sports-minded Puyat brothers have been the moving spirit behind the enormous progress of billiards in the Philippines, producing world champions and hosting several successful international tournaments. In the process, they also established close contact with international promoters and players, who respect them so much. This is on record.

Just recently, 29-year-old Finnish World Pool champ Mika Immonen informed Putch Puyat of his willingness to come here and meet Filipino idols such as Bata Reyes and Django Bustamante in their hometown, saying he was "keen on winning in the Philippines to protect Europe's dominance in pocket billiards." Same with Americans Strickland and Deuel, the 23-year-old rising star on the US Professional Tour, who also told Puyat that they would like to come here and play their Filipino counterparts.

On the coming 9-Ball Challenge, Putch Puyat said, "I expect an interesting series pitting youth against experience. Besides, these players hardly let the fans down because of their limitless skills with the cue stick. They are among the handful of pool players who have been showered with international acclaim."

SPORTSWATCH

Agassi vs Haas

ROME—In the twilight years of a brilliant career, Andre Agassi is attempting to erase the memories of a defeat he suffered almost a generation ago. The seven-time Grand Slam champion defeated the Czech Republic's Jiri Novak, 7-5, 6-4, Saturday to advance to the finals at the Foro Italico for the first time since his five-set defeat to Alberto Mancini in 1989. Agassi will next play Germany's Tommy Haas, a 6-1, 7-5 winner over American Andy Roddick, in the finals of the Rome Tennis Masters Series. AP

Capriati gets axe

BERLIN—Belgian teen-ager Justine Henin might be ranked higher than eighth if she didn't keep running into Venus Williams. The 19-year-old reached her fourth final of the year at the German Open Saturday with an upset of Jennifer Capriati, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1, after losing the first three to Williams. But she will have to get past a Williams again, this time younger sister Serena, who ousted unseeded Anna Smashova of Israel, 6-3, 6-2, to reach her first clay court final. AP



RUST
eat your car very fast

MAKE YOUR CAR LAST...

1/2 LIFETIME ELECTRONIC RUSTPROOF ELECTRO-ANODE

The ELECTRONIC RUST control device for MOTOR VEHICLES which places a very slight electronic charge on the whole vehicle body which will make it resist or repel the corrosive effect of water and moisture. The device adopts the two technologies of rust prevention—Impressed Current and Sacrificial Anodes.

TESTED & PROVEN GUARANTEED EFFECTIVE

FREE SERVICE AND INSTALLATION WITH M. MANILA

J-R POSADAS ENTERPRISES
435-56-24 • 928-33-89

14-C KALAYAN AVE. near KAMIAS ROAD, D. C.

LET'S FACE IT. HAIR LOSS IS INEVITABLE.



Stop Worrying Everytime You Look At Yourself ...

WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU

ADDHAIR® SYSTEMS

We have the widest range of Hair Integ Systems (HIS). Preferred in the USA, Europe and now available in the country.

FREE CONSULTATION

UNIT 126 MILE LONG BLDG., AMORSOLO COR. HERRERA STREET, MAKATI CITY, PHILIPPINES TEL. NO.: 815-1886 • 87

"Mercedes-Benz is a trademark of DaimlerChrysler."

'Assassin' on top

IRVING, Texas—Shigeki Maruyama is known as the "Smilin' Assassin," and he certainly lived up to his nickname at the Byron Nelson Classic. Hamming it up for the crowd on a hot and blustery afternoon, the Japanese star holed a 7-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a 2-under 68 Saturday that gave him a three-stroke over Cameron Beckman going into the final round. It was the first time Maruyama has held the 54-hole lead on the PGA Tour. AP

Padi's semifinals

THE SEMIFINALS of the "Mr. & Ms. Superbody Bikini Contest" will be held starting at 9:30 tonight at the Padi's Mindave Restaurant Bar in Mindanao Avenue corner Congressional Avenue, Quezon City. The winners will get free trips to Boracay and other big prizes from Fashion 21 Aldo Cosmetics, Barbizon, Beachcomber Inn Aklan and Boracay Terraces Resort. For details, call 7229981, 4112311 or text 0917-8135916.

Villareal golfest

THE DOÑA Gregoria Pedro Villareal Foundation Inc. will hold its 6th invitational golf tournament at the Alabang Golf and Country Club tomorrow (May 14). Tee-off time is 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. The event is being held every year to raise funds for the projects of the foundation. For inquiries, please call 8504630-31.

INSTANT CASH

BORROW AGAINST YOUR GOLF SHARE

UP TO 70% OF THE VALUE.

For further details pls. call:

896-4743/44 899-9811

DAVAO-082-2240043

Y-L Finance Corporation

3/F Yupangco Bldg., 339 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City

2 YEAR WARRANTY • DRY CHARGED

OUTLAST

Xtreme

Also Available:

• MAINTENANCE FREE

• SUPER PREMIUM

• PREMIUM

25 925-4247

outlets www.outlastbattery.com

The Vito has the figures to match its looks.





Model	110 CDI
Engine type	OM 611 LA Turbo / Intercool
Cylinders	4
Displacement (cm³)	2151
Rated output in kW (hp)	75 (102)/3800/min.
Torque rating in Nm/rev	250/1600 - 2400/min.
Transmission	Automatic 4-speed with dynamic shift program/dash-mounted
Fuel consumption in kms./litre	
Urban cycle	10.4
Extra urban	16.2
Combined	13.3
Co2 emissions (g/km)	207 213
Acceleration 0-100 kph/h	18.2 sec.
Maximum speed	155 km/h
Seating capacity	10
Audio	10-disc changer, 4 speakers



Mercedes-Benz

The future of the automobile

► Dynamic handling and driving comfort can be expressed in numbers. With the Mercedes-Benz Vito L110 CDI, a number of highlights will catch your eye. The engine output ratings clearly set the Vito apart from its competitors. In short, everything you don't expect from a diesel. High torque is developed at low and mid-range engine speeds. Its climbing ability, and even overtaking on a 35-40% incline at full load is achieved with remarkable ease and power, without backtracking, even when starting off from full stop.

► Despite all this power, fuel consumption is significantly less, which means that you can now enjoy driving on a par with passenger cars without having to worry about the economy. Better yet, not only is the engine cleaner but also quieter, with low emissions.

► And with the Vito's striking looks with its attractive design and clear lines, it's a real stand-out whenever you're on the road.

Commercial Motors Corp. Mercedes Ave., San Miguel, Pasig City Tel 641-9866; 641-9867; 6412286; 641-2290 Fax 641-7367; 641-2287 • BRANCHES • Baloy, Cagayan de Oro City Tel (08822) 732509 • Mc Briones Highway, Bo. Magulugay, Mandaue City Tel (032) 345-1250 Fax (032) 346-2772 • Km 11, Sasa, Davao City Tel (082) 235-2495 Fax (082) 235-2494 • McArthur Highway, Calasiao, Pangasinan Tel (075) 517-2513; (075) 517-5317 Telefax (075) 522-0783 • DEALERS • CATS Motors EDSA, Greenhills Tel 723-5808 to 12 Fax 726-7741 • CATS Motors-Alabang, Alabang-Zapote Rd., Las Piñas Tel 872-3768; Fax 872-5186 • EUROPHIL Motors Corp. 5566 South Superhighway cor. Finlandia St., Makati City Tel 844-3438; 844-6794 • COMMERCIAL Auto Sales Service Corp. 2256 Pasong Tamo cor. EDSA, Makati City Tel 840-4396; 840-4397 Fax 812-3622 • TRANSCOR Motors, Inc. Araneta St., Singang, Bacolod City Tel (034) 433-0331; (034) 435-0221 to 23 Fax (034) 320-0536 • TRANSCOR Motors, Inc. Sen. Benigno Aquino Ave. (Diversion Rd.) Iloilo City Tel (033) 320-0952; (033) 320-0567 Fax (033) 320-0536 • AUTOLAND Sales 1616 Quezon Ave., Quezon City Tel 922-6925; 928-2532 Telefax 922-3108 • AUTOLAND Sales (Dau) Pampanga Tel (045) 332-3342; (045) 332-3343 Telefax (045) 332-3341 www.mercedes-benz-phill.com

SPORTS ON TV

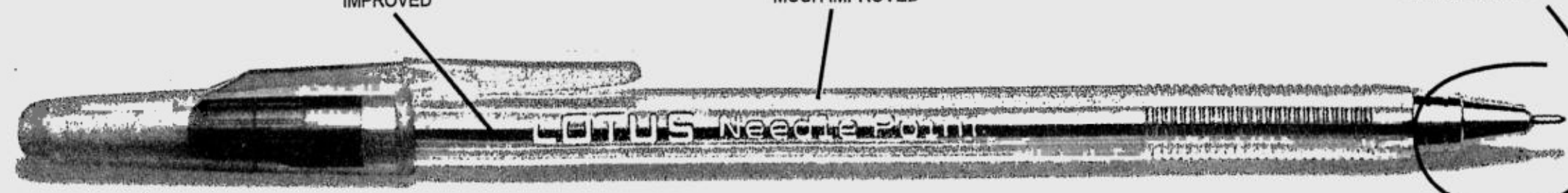
Compiled by Lorenzo Manguiat

BASKETBALL: NBA Playoffs Conference Semifinals - LA Lakers vs San Antonio, Game 4 at 5:30 a.m. (r - 9 p.m.) on ESPN, New Jersey vs Charlotte, Game 4 at 10 a.m. (r - 8 p.m.) on Solar Channel

This Week in the NBA at 11:30 a.m. on CNN

TENNIS: Masters Series (Rome) - Men's Final at 7:30 p.m. on Star Sports

GOLF: PGA Verizon Byron Nelson Classic, Final Round at 2:30 p.m. (r - 10 p.m.) on Star Sports



IMPROVED

MUCH IMPROVED

EXTRA STRENGTH

LOTUS® Needle Point. Very fine writing.



www.amspecial.com

Amalgamated Specialties Corporation
Krr 21, South Superhighway
Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila



SMART SHOCKWAVE NATIONWIDE

Is Giving Away **FREE** Limited Edition
Spider-Man Shirts!*



SPIDER-MAN
NOW SHOWING

Go for the Ultimate Spin at sony.com/Spider-Man



In celebration of almost 7 million subscribers, SMART gives you a web of freebies and great value in SMART Shockwave's nationwide. From the latest handsets, to affordable prices, all the way to added incentives, you get great deals that could only come from SMART Shockwave.

GET A FREE LIMITED EDITION SPIDER-MAN SHIRT!

We have prepared promo bills from the hottest movie on screen now in town. And here are two easy ways to get it.

1. Simply swap your non SMART SIM card, and register to the SMART Cinema Club and download a Spider-Man.com. For instructions to download, key in SPIDER then send to 239. (Available until May 31, 2002)

2. Purchase a SMART Buddy cellphone kit. (Available until May 15, 2002)

WHAT'S MORE YOU GET VALUE-ADDED FEATURES BY BELONGING TO THE SMART NETWORK

ENJOY FREE TEXT MESSAGE ALLOCATIONS YOU CAN USE TO SEND TEXT MESSAGES TO ANY LOCAL GSM NETWORK. Maximize your free text message allocations by texting all your friends. (Whichever GSM network the recipient is on.)

GET THE LOWEST RATE AT P4100/MINUTE

Enjoy more talk time with the lowest cellphone call rate ever!

*On SMART's Network: SMART Gold, SMART ACEs, SMART Buddy, Talk to Text.
Off-peak rates (Mon-Sat 10 p.m. - 6:59 a.m., All day Sunday)

NOKIA

SIEMENS

mobil

Sony Ericsson

SAMSUNG

Trium

MOTOROLA

For questions, comments, or concerns, you may call the SMART Hotline at 888-1111, send a text message to 888 (P1.00 per message sent in excess of the FREE TEXT allocation), e-mail us at customercare@smart.com.ph, or visit the SMART Wireless Center nearest you.

Per DTNCR Permit No. 0907 Series of 2002.

SMART
Simply Amazing!

Visit us at all SMART Wireless Centers, TSI stores, TSI blitzes, Major Dealers' outlets nationwide and at all Shockwave sites!

METRO MANILA:
Alabang Town Center (G/F Rotonda near National Bookstore, G/F New Wing in front of Harin' A Baby, 2/F Highway - TSI)
Festival Mall, Alabang (1/F in front of Auntie Anne's)
SM Fairview (G/F in front of SM AC)

SM Megamall (S/F-TS, 2/F Bridgeway and 2/F Bldg. A Acuity Center)
SM North EDSA (UG/F Entrance 5 bet. Watson's and Goldlocks; UG/F City Center Westside, SM AC side)
SM Manila (UG/F Centurylink beside Exit stairway)
SM Sucat (G/F bet. Jollibee & Tokyo Tokyo)

SM Southmall (UG/F bet. Kikera & La Piedad)
SM Centerpoint (UG/F Centennial, DelFrance side)
Robinsons Galleria (Level 1, EDSA Node)
Robinsons Place Manila (Level 1, bet. Red Ribbon and DelFrance)

LUZON:
Robinsons Place, Imus (1/F, Achity Area)
SM Pampanga (G/F in front of Kenny Rogers)
SM Bacoor (UG/F Centennial bet. Pizza Hut and French Baker)

VISAYAS:
SM Cebu (UG/F near Supermarket)
SM Iloilo (UG/F West Wing bet. National Bookstore and Watson's)
MINDANAO:
SM Davao (G/F, Airrim in front of Pizza Hut)

Women, WORRIED ABOUT HAIR LOSS?
Call Svenson now! 842-1389

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

A25

METRO

Editor Louie C. Camino

MOTOLITE
EXPRESS HATID
843-1111
Available in Metro Manila only

Naia oil depot 'more vulnerable to attacks'

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE MANILA International Airport Authority (Miaa) yesterday appealed to Pasay City officials and residents to allow the transfer of the airport's aviation gas depot to the city.

Miaa general manager Edgar Manda said it would be more dangerous to keep the depot in its present location between the airport's Terminals 1 and 2 than to move it to Barangay 201, which is also in Pasay.

"It's more vulnerable to possible terrorist attacks (in its present position)," said Manda in a telephone interview.

He warned that a possible sabotage of the depot would paralyze the operations of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

NAIA OIL/ A26



WINNING PAIR Assunta de Rossi and Rosanna Roces receive their Best Actress trophies.

JOAN BONDOC

Assunta, Osang tie in Urian

By Alex Y. Vergara

ASSUNTA de Rossi rambled, while Rosanna Roces cried as they shared the stage to accept their Urian Best Actress trophies from the country's foremost film critics and educators Saturday night at the Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City.

De Rossi won for her performance in Joel Lamangan's "Hubog," while Roces clinched her first acting award for Chito Roño's "La Vida Rosa." Leading scriptwriters Armando Lao ("La Vida Rosa") and Lav Diaz ("Batang West Side") also tied earlier for Best Screenplay.

ASSUNTA, OSANG/ A27

WAZZZZUP? ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

BUMA 855 KAMAGONG ST. ALABETE	DJ DICKER NO ENTRANCE FEE 896.1939
MIXED-UP RIGIDITY BINANGAL, LAGUNA	THE DAWN MAY 23 (049) 517268
STREETLIFE BROWNIE/ MUSIC CIRCUIT	THE DAWN MAY 21 801.7644
GIFTED MIND/ ZEST 1190 ARQUELA ST. MAKIN	NO ENTRANCE FEE
PERFECT STRANGER 411 NI NI CHOS ST. MAKIN	525.1474/525.4269
MR ROXY PARTY-Z-POLE NO ENTRANCE FEE	521.8143
ICE KENDI J BROTHERS NOVALICHES Q.C.	THE DAWN MAY 28 936.9757
LADI RAVE 411 NI NI CHOS ST. MAKIN	373.5110
ON LINE D'BUMP TEA MAKERS	522-0429
MOONSTRUCKS FOREST	SOUP & SALAD BUFFET FREE DRINKS FROM 11AM-12M 400-7438/39

MONDAY MAY 13 912-8983

Airport appeals: Allow transfer to Pasay barangay

SAVE UP TO 25% ON PLDT PHONES AND GET FREEBIES!

PLDT PHONETASTIC FESTIVAL

NATIONWIDE!

RESIDENTIAL PHONES

POST PAID

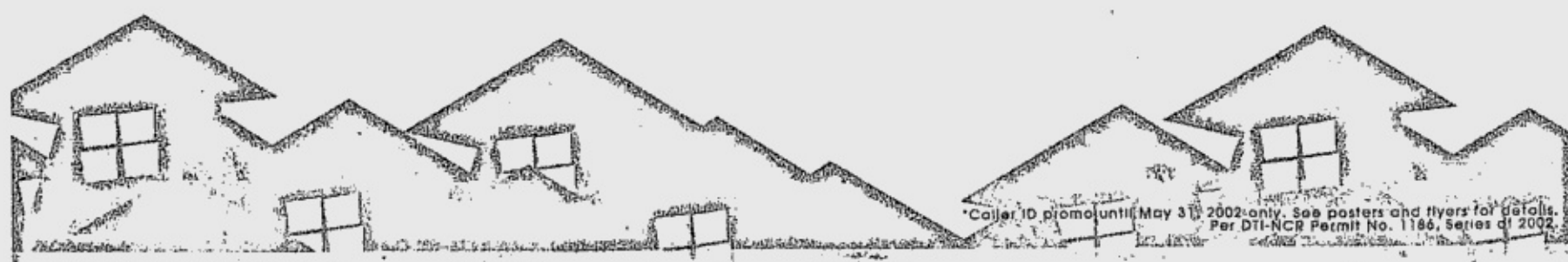
- 25% OFF on installation fees, pay only P1,500!
- Free Call Plan enrollment
- 50% OFF on any Caller ID Unit (adjunct and built-in)*
- Auto Activation of Value Deal of choice, PLDT Vibe (dial-up Internet), DDD and TXT 135
- Free installation of myDSL

PREPAID

- 26% OFF on Telesulit installation fees, pay only P1,400 with free P500 card!

BUSINESS LINE

- 20% OFF on installation fees, pay only P2,800!
- 50% OFF on Caller ID Units (adjunct and built-in)*
- Auto activation of Value Deal of choice and TXT135



PROMO MECHANICS

1. New subscribers can avail of discounted installation rates and free activation of other services.
2. Applicants must confirm if their areas have existing PLDT facilities through PLDT 171, PLDT Business Offices or PLDT Selling Booths or Sales Representatives.
3. PLDT will confirm availability of line by mailing an official notice.
4. Customer should bring the PLDT notice, along with a valid ID (driver's license, company ID, SSS or TIN) and proof of billing address (latest Meralco, MWSS, credit card or cellphone bill) to the nearest PLDT Business Office and pay the charges for a new phone line.
5. PLDT will install the phone upon receipt of payment.
6. Promo runs from May 5 to August 5, 2002 nationwide.

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1564, Series of 2002

Capture the thrill of the Phonetastic Festival. Just visit any of the following PLDT offices in the following areas:

NORTH LUZON Cabanatuan - Gapan, Munoz, Cauayan, Apam, Echague, Ilagan, Iguaguegarao Dagupan - Maricaoag, Binmaley Pampanga - Florida Blanca, Guagua, Lubao, Balanga, Orion, BEPZA, Mexico, San Marcelino, San Narciso La Union - Laoag Tarlac - Camiling, Capaz, Concepcion, UP, Paniqui, Victoria Bogula - La Trinidad, Naguilian Bogula - La Trinidad, Naguilian	SOUTH LUZON Batangas - Alitagtag, Upi, San Jose, Talisay, Taraque Calamba - Canlubang, Lili, UPLB Kawit - Carmona, Cavite, CEPZA, Dasmariñas, FCI, Indang, Nala, Rosario, Slang, Trece Martirez, Tagaytay Lucena - Mauban, Tayabas, Legazpi, San Pablo, Pila, Sta. Cruz, Poete Majales - Galigna, Baitug, Bulacan, Guiguinto, Hagonoy, Plaridel, San Miguel	VISAYAS Bacolod - Bago, Bais, Bayawan, Cadiz, Escalante, Kabankalan, La Carlota, La Castellana, Manapla, Sagay, Silay, Tanjay Iloilo - Alimodian, Sara, Banate, Dumangas, Dingle, Roxas, Numancla, Mambusao, Estancia, Pontevedra Cebu - Argao, Talisay Mandaue - North Cebu/Mabolo, Mactan, Tagbilaran	MINDANAO Davao Central - Bangay Davao Metro - Cotabato, Biliig, Panabo, Sasa, Calinan, Toril, Isulan, Tacurong, Parang, Sultan Kudarat, Dinala Zamboanga - Ozamis, Tagoloan, Oroquieta	GMM North - Balara, Cubao, Del Monte, Dillman, Grace Park, Malabon, Noviches, SM City, Valenzuela South - Las Pinas, North Paranaque, Pasay, RC Bldg., SM Southmall, Tower Business Office West - Binondo, Cinararra, Escolla, Paco, Sampaloc, SM Centerpoint, Tondo East - Antipolo, Cainta, Greengirls, POEA, Pasig, Mandaluyong, New Pasig, SM Megamall, South Marikina
--	--	---	--	--

What Drives You

The winning number combination for May 13, 2002:

2
two

2
two

5
five

If your card matches the numbers above, you win P225.00.

- Up to P15 million worth of instant cash prizes!
- You could also be one of three lucky winners of up to P10 million in the raffle draw!
- Get your game cards at participating Caltex stations with every minimum purchase.

SCRATCHA NUMBA

Promo period is from March 15 - June 15, 2002 • Per DTI-NCR Permit no. 0246 Series of 2002 • See flyers for details.

What Drives You CALTEX

'Please stop the demolition'

By Agnes E. Donato

RESIDENTS of Barangay San Vicente in Quezon City last week appealed to Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. to intervene in the plan of the University of the Philippines to demolish their houses today.

Valeriana Villanueva, president of the Mamamayang Naninirahan Tiwalang Lilingapin (Manatili), expressed hope that Belmonte would ask the UP administration to

stop the demolition.

Earlier, the Quezon City council sent UP a petition asking it to postpone its plan until the affected residents have found a relocation site.

But Villanueva said university officials had not shown any sign that they were inclined to favor the councilor's plea.

UP gave Barangay San Vicente residents until Friday to dismantle their houses themselves. The actual demolition is set for today.

The residents, along with members of the mili-

tant Sanlakas group, have put up barricades beside the UP Information Center on University Avenue to block any attempts by UP to demolish the houses.

"UP has not sent any notice on whether or not the demolition will push through," Villanueva said. "All we can do now is to be prepared."

She also met with QC officials to discuss the legality of the demolition. "I was told UP would be violating the Area for Priority Development law if it demolishes our houses since our community is covered by the APD," she said.

City Councilor Ariel Inton explained that under the APD law, no structure could be demolished since the government has targeted the area for on-site development.

"Records show that Barangay San Vicente was declared an area for priority development on May 14, 1980, or 44 years after the UP Charter was passed by Congress," Inton explained. "The subsequent APD Law could have superseded salient provisions of the UP Charter and thus could prevent the eviction of the residents."

Inton, who chairs the city council's committee on justice and human rights, said Barangay San Vicente residents had sought his help on the demolition issue.

He said the residents, who have been living in the area for more than 25 years now, were considering their option of bringing the matter to court if UP decides to carry out the demolition.

Inton earlier filed two resolutions asking President Macapagal-Arroyo and the Quezon City government to sell or award the contested land to the residents through the Community Mortgage Program.

With Angeli A. Alagcan

Las Piñas 'most efficient city'

THE LAS Piñas City government has bested other local government units in providing the fastest and most efficient services to its people and other transacting public through its computerization program, according to the ranking made by the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) and the Department of Trade and Industry.

The speed and efficiency of its services led to the eradication of fixers in the city, according to a statement from the Las Piñas City Hall.

The AIM-DOT competitive rankings of cities this year concluded that Las Piñas City has the country's fastest and most efficient process in issuing permits to local and foreign investors, said AIM Policy Center associate director Roberto Galang Jr.

Last year, the DILG-Local Government Academy chose Las Piñas as a model city in the National Capital Region for cutting red tape in local government transactions.

Las Piñas Mayor Vergel "Nene" Aguilar said taxpayers can now transact business at half the time they used to and they need not go to the national offices of the NBI, DTI, SSS, PhilHealth and NSO to process their papers. Las Piñas is the first LGU in the country to set up the Business-One-Stop Shop Center or BOSS Center.

METROBRIEFS

Nabbed

POLICE arrested three suspected drug pushers in two buy-bust operations early yesterday morning in Caloocan City. PO1 Arnel Glanan posed as the buyer in the first operation where James Nebri, 45, was arrested allegedly in the act of selling a sachet of methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu for P100.

Another two sachets of undetermined quantity of shabu were also found on Nebri, police said. Rosnel Abary, 32, and Arvin Abrazado, 29, were arrested on Samson Road in the second operation. They were found carrying an undetermined quantity of shabu, police said.

Tina Santos

Busted

SUSPECTED drug dealers Ronald Reyes alias "Boy Aso," 30; Julieta Caayon, 45; and Delfin Fernandez alias "Dimas," 47, all residents of Mandaluyong City, were arrested in their homes over the weekend. Police said they were found with several sachets of shabu and shabu paraphernalia. Police records showed that the three were suspected of being behind the spread of illegal substances in Barangay Barangka Itaas and that they had been arrested and charged in the past but they were able to post bail. Police said new charges of violation of Republic Act No. 6425 (Dangerous Drugs Act) would be filed against them.

Nelson F. Flores

Murdered

BUSINESSMAN Sancar Singh, 27, of Quezon City, was shot dead in front of his mother on Saturday morning. Police said Singh was with his mother while collecting payments for debts in Sitio Mendez, Barangay Baesa in Quezon City, when two men shot him twice at close range with a .45 pistol. Robbery was not the motive for the killing, according to police, who said Singh had P1,270 in his pockets. Singh's mother refused to give a statement to police and did not allow an autopsy of her son's body because of religious beliefs, police said.

Agnes Donato with Angeli A. Alagcan

Robbed

FIVE armed men yesterday morning robbed the passengers of a jeepney in Pasay City of more than P25,000 in cash, jewelry, and cellular phones. Police said the men announced the holdup when the Manila-bound jeepney reached the corner of Zamora and Celeridad streets about 5 a.m. Victims Sabrina Andrade, 21, her 12-year-old brother Miguel, and her boyfriend Normandy Llanes, 22, lost jewelry and their mobile phones, police said.

Police later arrested Rodrigo Soriano, 35, and his 17-year-old companion, whom the victims identified as the robbers.

Christian V. Esquerro

Shot

PAINTER Enrico Leocadio was shot dead by security guard Joan Serinas over a feud between their employers in Paco, Manila. Serinas, a security guard of the Isip Building in Paco, escaped, police said. Police said the guard shot Leocadio who had aimed a homemade shotgun (sumpak) at him. Witnesses said the shooting stemmed from a feud between members of the Isip family that involved their employees.

Philip Tubeza with Edson Tandoc Jr.

Raped

DRIVER Herminigildo Panibe, 25, of Quezon City did not resist arrest after a 14-year-old high school student accused him of raping her in his house. The girl filed the complaint against Panibe last week at the Pasig City police station. She told police Panibe had raped her on May 6 and 8. She said Panibe also threatened to kill her.

Nelson F. Flores

Wounded

PASIG CITY jail guard Rodel Batuan, 33, of Caloocan City, was stabbed and seriously wounded when he tried to pacify his drinking buddies on Saturday in Caloocan. Police said Batuan was drinking with four unidentified men along M. De Castro Street in Bagong Barrio, Caloocan when they became unruly. Batuan tried to pacify his friends who ganged up on him instead, police said. One of them attacked Batuan with a knife and then fled with the three others.

Tina Santos

Here's how negligence killed boxer Meruel Sayas

THIS is boxing. You have seen the best and the worst.

There was Muhammad Ali, The Greatest.

Then comes Mike Tyson, top candidate as The Biggest Beast.

No need to make a choice.

But any self-respecting fight fan could either cry or curse upon hearing this one.

In fact, one tested international judge/referee, who requested anonymity for the moment, promptly labeled it a licensed criminality.

Read on—and cry: Do you know that Meruel Sayas, who died after being knocked out in Tarlac last month, had no business fighting?

All roads led to a fatal ending that tragic night.

Here are the facts, as discovered by the Professional Boxing Federation (PBF) headed by Lope Sarreal Jr.:

1) Sayas had last fought in December 2000.

2) He had lost four times (three times by stoppage) in his last five bouts prior to the fatal fight in Tarlac.

3) He was blindly pitted in that comeback bout against a vastly superior opponent.

4) His license should've been automatically suspended after a year-long lay-off.

If Sayas had really wanted to fight seriously again, Sarreal said, he should've been either on the road running or in the gym training.

Sayas was in no position to fight in a furious 10-round professional bout.

Unfortunately, Sarreal noted, the poor boxer's wife is pregnant.

The urgent need for some cash, noted Sarreal, not the desire to box again, was the primary factor that had led Sayas to re-enter the ring after a long lay-off.

So the Sayas story ends up a twin

BARE EYE

Recab Trinidad



been promptly disallowed.

Unfortunately, there was no responsible boxing body to prevent the carnage.

Anyway, noted the reporter in his recommendation, there are myriad problems besetting the sport of boxing here.

One area that urgently needs to be regulated is the licensing of boxers.

It's a fact that professional licenses are being issued to aspirants here who have not sufficiently acquired the necessary boxing basics.

Was there criminal negligence in the Sayas tragedy?

If so, who should answer for this?

If they bothered to review the records, Sarreal said, these would show that Noel Sungahid knocked out Meruel Sayas when they fought in December 2000.

That stoppage marked Sayas' last professional outing prior to the carnage in Tarlac last month.

Look, maybe Sayas had tried to keep in shape, maybe he took some morning jogs, maybe he had boxed a few rounds with friends in the gym.

But only a sadist, said Sarreal, could've authorized the visibly ill-prepared boxer to go up against a superior, superbly conditioned opponent.

Alex Escaner, ranked third nationally and who could vie for the Philippine super bantamweight crown anytime, was just too strong for the groping returnee.

In fact, Sarreal said, Sayas should've been allowed to fight only for eight rounds after the long lay-off.

Sayas died after being knocked out in the ninth round.

Sanelly, said the Philippine Boxing Federation (PBF) president, boxing officials who had sanctioned the built-in mismatch should be probed.

Someone must answer for the criminal negligence, Sarreal swore.

Naia oil depot 'more . . .

From page A25

Local officials have been rejecting the proposed transfer of the depot, fearing that the facility would endanger the lives of residents in Barangay 201.

The controversy hounding the Pandacan oil depot has further fanned these fears.

Manila officials and residents have also asked for the closure of the oil depot in Pandacan.

"But our depot is not like the

Pandacan oil depot," Manda said. "It's just an aviation gas depot. I'm sure residents will realize this if only we would be given the chance to explain."

Last week, Pasay City councilors filed an ordinance banning the establishment of fuel depots, including aviation gas installations, in the city for safety and security reasons.

The move is expected to block further the proposed transfer of the airport depot and possibly delay the opening of the Naia Terminal 3 in December.

If Pasay officials rejected the transfer with finality, airport officials would use the existing aviation gas depot and connect it to the new terminal using pipelines, said Manda.

But the installation of the pipelines could take five months even if Manda were optimistic that the opening of Terminal 3 would not be delayed.

Airport officials are trying to avoid paying huge amounts in penalty in case of a delay.

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Finance
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
PORT OF MANILA
Customs District II-A
South Harbor, Manila

NOTICE OF OVERSTAYING SHIPMENTS AND THE PUBLIC AUCTION

WHEREAS, the herein described items/goods were separately imported on various dates at Port of Manila, South Harbor which up to the present, no customs import entry has been filed thereon within 30 days from the date of discharge as prescribed by law, or if such entry has been filed, no claim/adjudication was made by their respective consignee/importer, or no such rightful claimant has claimed within 15 days from notification as prescribed by law, to wit:

Consignee	Container #	Description	Date of Arrival	Location
G.A. Mfg. Corp. Inc.	405965-1	18 pallets Latex Semi Gloss	9-27-00	Dassad
-do-	402229-3	-do-	-do-	-do-
KKC		vacuum cleaner etc.	11-6-01	PCIC
Care Products		Imbal Papers	12-19-01	-do-
Assisco Energy		Alumina Cement	12-5-01	-do-
Super Sharf Sport		Stainless tube	1-15-02	-do-
Sara syukur		Seaweeds & Noodle B.O.		Transient
Premier Metal Castg.		Sample casting sand	4-20-01	-do-
WYZE System Corp.		Display rack	8-14-01	-do-
Tri-Asia Paper Mills		Plastic phelp	1-8-98	-do-
Rev. Abraham Yong		Abaca Matting	8-30-01	-do-
Rommel Cruz		Wooden base guitar	5-26-01	-do-
Leisure World Co.		Silver Swan soy sauce	9-19-01	-do-
Ms. Pamela Lachica		Asstd. Foodstuff	-do-	-do-
Asia Pacific Cir.		Plastic shopping bag	11-19-01	-do-
Marulas Ind. Corp.		Puteri margarine etc.	11-15-01	-do-
Fullink Int'l. Ltd.		Zigzag sewing machine	4-19-01	-do-
Peci Fao creative home linen		Cotton hand towel	10-23-01	-do-
Kestrel Phils. Inc.		Brouchure etc.	7-2-01	-do-
Zether, Inc.		Tafetta Fabrics	5-12-01	-do-
G.A. Mfg. Co.		Corrugated boxes	-do-	-do-
BVIANLIU		Fake Levi's Jeans	6-7-01	-do-
Mayer Steel Pipe		Raw material for magnet	11-8-01	-do-
Glaxo Welcome Phils.		Brouchure	8-2-97	-do-
Limex Phils.		Maple Lamber	11-17-98	-do-
Hakili Magnet Corp.		Ferret magnet etc.	11-12-96	-do-
JCF		Air filter for heavy equipment	30-5-98	-do-
Colgate Phils.		Empty plastic bottle for shampoo	8-18-99	-do-
Walnut Trdg. Corp.		2 pcs. CPU casing	2-13-97	-do-
Herco Trdg.		1 pallet knockdown rack	8-26-97	-do-
Reed Academica		3 ctns. Magazine	3-17-97	-do-
Golar Mktg.		2 ctns. Personal effects	5-26-01	-do-
Nestle Phils.		4 pallets, Asstd. Foodstuffs	1998	Pac Atlantic
Flying Med. Samaritan		1 ctn. Asstd. used toys	-do-	-do-
Orient Meadows export		43 ctns. straw hat	-do-	-do-
Le croissants Phils.		5 cases Baguette carton	-do-	-do-
Philexport/Kams Int'l.		4 ctns. small Zipper etc.	-do-	-do-
Kraf foods		32 bags of food starch	-do-	-do-
Dingga Enterprises		155 bundle threshcanliner	1999	-do-
Teodora Rubio		9 ctns. personal effects	-do-	-do-
Data Gen. Phils.		36 ctns. electronic parts casing	-do-	-do-
Milwaukee Builders & Dev't.		16 bundles of roof tiles	-do-	-do-
Kolpings Society Phils.		152 boxes Uvex protection glasses	-do-	-do-
Metro Inc.		2 units used miter saw machine	2000	-do-
Corno commercial		2 small bags sample STM type cement	-do-	-do-
Eastland Mfg. Co. Inc.		8 rolls Woven fabrics	-do-	-do-
Bedini Manila		2 pallets of Legacy tiles	-do-	-do-
Clothman Knitting Corp.		11 Plastic drum	2001	-do-
Xapis Charis Foundation		26 ctns. used Asstd. books & personal effects	-do-	-do-
CYO Int'l.		Asstd. CSTV connector	-do-	-do-
Rain or shine trading corps.		115 ladies bag WHL 51	7-18-99	Whse. I
Has-Heung Shipping	CLHU8089300	(60) pairs Fashion casual shoes etc.	5-22-99	-do-
Various	GATU4336820	93 ctns. Rubber shoes etc.	9-29-00	Orient Freight
Disney Mfg.		56-ctns. Men's Leather Shoes etc.	7-09-01	-do-
Gilbert Bajao		22 ctns. Personal effects	3-21-01	-do-
Tatum Garments		2 ctns. Children bathing suit etc.	5-02-01	-do-
Rev. No. Wah Jin		10 ctns. used clothing	7-04-01	-do-
Filipinas Thermo		7 ctns. Non Flammable Liquified Gas	10-12-01	-do-
Exel Phils. Inc.		3 ctns. Personal effects	12-28-01	-do-
Chunyl Int'l		1,116 kgs. (17 bales) Asstd. colors Yarn	Nov. 2001	Con Pac
Chain Mktg. Corp.		320 bags Calcium Carbonate Powder	-do-	-do-
Silver Parts Com. Sonic Int'l Inc.		51 ctns. Rubber shoes	-do-	-do-
Joan Estrella		15 ctns. Marca Pina soy sauce	-do-	-do-
MITC Auto Supply		32 ctns. Plastic casing	-do-	-do-
Consolacion Manelab		6 ctns. personal effects	-do-	-do-
Gina Requena		5 ctns. Personal effects	-do-	-do-
Normando Chico		7 ctns. Personal effects	-do-	-do-
Bernarda Bontoc		5 ctns. Personal effects	-do-	-do-
Go Ban Kiat Hardware		Asstd. Foodstuff	-do-	-do-
Marina Atienza		16 ctns. Plastic Pencil case	-do-	-do-
Norand Pepito		4 ctns. Printing Materials	-do-	-do-
R.S. Commercial		1 ctn. of 14 rolls Strap	-do-	-do-
I.P.D. Parts & Power		3 bxs. of Asstd. Rubber Washer	-do-	-do-
MMTI Mktg.		1 crate of Metal coupling etc.	-do-	-do-
Maulana Wahida		3 ctns. Personal effects	-do-	-do-
First East Chemical		1 Pc Metal Grill	-do-	-do-
Pinecrest Enterprises		2 Pallets Asstd. Books	-do-	-do-
Rowena Violeta		3 ctns. Personal Effects	-do-	-do-
Nalco Chemicals		4 pcs. Porter safety board etc.	-do-	-do-
Cobill Trgd.	HALU4405060	54 ctns. Korean Noodles etc.	09-01-01	Whse I

Whereas, subject shipments of various articles have, since their arrival, remained or over stayed thereat, significantly contributing to congestion, hampering the beneficial use of the container yards premises.

WHEREAS, having exposed to the elements of nature for a long time now, subject shipments have already depreciated in value and are liable to depreciate greatly. If not totally wasted if allowed to remain longer thereat, such that the same would be insufficient to answer for the payment of duties and taxes and such other charges due to the government.

WHEREAS, the failure of the consignee importer and such other rightful claimants to claim/adjudicate his/her importation shall be deemed to be renunciation of all his interests and property rights in favor of the government pursuant to Section 1801 of the Tariff & Customs Code of the Philippines (TCCP), as amended by Republic Act 7651, and to be auctioned after 15 days from date of posting/advertisement.

FURTHERMORE, to prevent the further deterioration in value of subject shipments and to protect the interest of the government, which is attendant and attached thereto, the same shall be immediately sold without further notice at public auction pursuant to Section 2607, TCCP, as amended, provided that the proceeds of the public auction shall be held in trust for not less than one (1) month from such auction date to answer any rightful claim.

SO ORDERED, Port of Manila, Philippines, this 1st day of March 2002.

(Sgd.) ATTY. REYNALDO S. NICOLAS
District Collector
Port of Manila

Statistics as weapon

By Jerome Aning

USE and understand crime statistics in fighting crime.

The Manila City council's opposition leader gave this advice to the Western Police District which he said was falling short of its duty to keep the peace and order in the city.

In a privilege speech last week, Councilor Don Ramon Bagasting said the WPD should not gloat over the number of arrests it made.

"The number of arrests made and its correlation to crimes solved should not be the measure of the

crime," he said. "The amount of crimes should be decreasing over time."

He said that if 100 murders were committed in one year and all the perpetrators were behind bars, in the following years the num-

ber of murders committed should decrease.

He said the WPD should also institute "comparison statistics" in monitoring crime and should "stop crime trends before they become crime waves" by using "timely statistics"

in deciding where to put more men to prevent crime.

Bagasting lamented the absence of coordination between the WPD and the city council, the primary policy-making body of the city government.

He said the WPD should begin a "serious dialogue" with local officials instead of paying them "lip service."

He said WPD officials should not hesitate to ask for the councilors' help in creating penal legislation.



SOB SISTER Roces is unable to control her emotion when past winners Nora Aunor and Helen Gamboa (background) announce her name as a co-winner of De Rossi. JOAN BONDOC

Assunta, Osang tie . . .

From page A25

"Even if it's a tie, that's okay," a sobbing Roces said in Filipino. "My children can now be proud of me."

The air grew tense only seconds before the winner for best actress, the evening's final and most-awaited award, was revealed. Presenter Nora Aunor first announced Roces' name before De Rossi's. The latter acknowledged the tie by hugging an indifferent Roces who seemed to fail to return the gesture (*more stories this week in the Lifestyle and Entertainment pages*).

After being suspended for several weeks now from her show biz talk show for making unflattering statements against the late Rico Yan, Roces didn't pass up the chance to take potshots at her detractors.

"Indeed," she declared, "God truly blesses those who tell the truth."

An Urian insider said the race between the two actresses was a dead heat. De Rossi was said to have led Roces in the first deliberation, but the "manunuris," as the critics call themselves, deliberated for a second time to appease the pro-Roces faction within the group.

"You're still the best supporting actress for me," said a composed De Rossi, referring to younger sister Alessandra, who earlier lost in her category to veteran actress Gloria Diaz ("Batang West Side"). "I love you, Alex!...I hope there's a part two [of the award]. Charing (just kidding)!"

Lav Diaz's "Batang West Side," a five-hour opus shot mainly in New York City, won the most number of awards (nine), including those for Best Picture, Best Director (Diaz), Best Cinematography (Miguel Fabie), Best Music (Joey Ayala) and Best Production Design (Cesar Hernandez).

Aside from Gloria Diaz, Joel Torre (Best Actor) and Raul Arellano (Best Supporting Actor) also won for their performances in "Batang West Side."

"It's getting to be a habit, grabel!" said an ecstatic Gloria Diaz. "Thank you so much, Lav."

Costly breast cancer medicine at lower price

WHEN the mother of Lorna Tan of the INQUIRER's accounting department died of breast cancer last month, she left behind two boxes of hormonal therapy drugs called Arimidex.

The medicine is not available in any local drug store and can only be procured through an oncologist or the

distributor, Astra-Zeneca. It costs P11,200 per box, but Ms Tan is willing to sell the drugs at a lower price so that it may benefit another cancer patient.

Ms Tan may be contacted during office hours at 897-8808 or cell phone number (0916)471-6240.

Navotas ready to be city

ONLY by achieving cityhood can Navotas reach its full potential for growth, according to Mayor Toby Tiangco.

"Navotas is ready for cityhood," Tiangco said. "It can fulfill all the requirements for a highly urbanized city."

Last February, the Navotas municipal government submitted to Navotas-Malabon Rep. Federico Sandoval II the documents to set in motion the process of upgrading the town into Metro Manila's 14th city.

According to the Local Government Code, before a municipality can be a city, it must have a population of no less than 200,000, an average annual income of at least P50,000,000, a contiguous territory of at least 100 square kilometers.

Once Congress approves the application for cityhood, residents will be asked to vote on it in a referendum.

"Navoteños have long been clamoring for cityhood," Tiangco said in a statement. "If a referendum were held today, I am sure the residents will overwhelmingly vote for cityhood, since the government will be able to deliver more basic services to them."

He said he is optimistic because Sandoval also supports the cityhood campaign. Though they are not party-mates, both Tiangco and Sandoval have been coordinating in projects for the development of Navotas.

A fishing village during the Spanish period, Navotas became a town in 1901. Today, it has a population of 250,000.

Last year, it won the Gawad Pangulo sa Kapaligiran 2001 for being the cleanest and greenest municipality in Metro Manila. Its police force won an award for the best municipal police station in Metro Manila.

Manila launches annual search

THE MANILA city government has launched the search for outstanding Manileños who will be honored on the capital's 431st foundation on June 24.

The annual search recognizes men and women whose achievements in their profession or vocation have made extraordinary contributions to the city's development.

Any person, group or organization may nominate candidates for the search. Nominees can either be born in Manila although no longer a resident of the city; not born in Manila but a bona fide resident and a registered voter of Manila; not born or residing in Manila but has brought the city honors, prestige and benefits and has tremendously contributed to the city's development.

Deadline for submission of nominations is on May 15. Nominations should be submitted to the office of city personnel director Ma. Corazon Arambulo.

Jerome Aning



L8400 Series

The Most Compact 14.1" All-in-one Notebook PC

- Intel® Pentium® III processor 1.13 GHz
- 256 MB Memory
- 16 MB DDR 4x AGP ATI Mobility Radeon M6 Video
- 20 GB HDD
- DVD-ROM or Combo Drive
- 1.44 FDD Built-in
- 56K Modem
- 10/100 Modem
- TV-out Port
- Infra Red Port
- Headphone/Microphone Jack
- 2x USB Ports
- VGA Port
- Integrated Sound and Microphone
- Windows ME
- FREE:

Deluxe Leather bag • USB Mouse

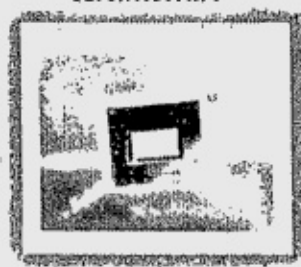


Php 79,950
24x CD-ROM

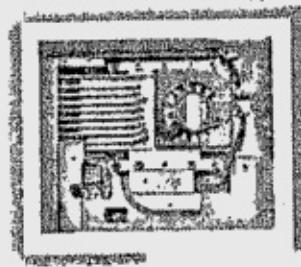
Php 87,500
CD-RW

Php 95,500
CD-RW/DVD Combo

Latest CPU Architecture



ADTD® Technology



Duo-View Support



High-quality 3D graphics rendering



Intel, Intel Inside logo and Pentium are registered trademarks of Intel Corporation and Intel SpeedStep is a trademark of Intel Corporation.

www.asus.com.ph
Service Hotline: Manila (02) 724-9998 loc. 1408

Authorized Philippine Distributor: Bambros Commercial Inc. No. 32 Pilar St. cor. Arullo St., Addition Hills, San Juan. • Tel. Nos.: Manila (02) 718-2808 / 724-9998 loc. 1320 Cebu (032) 2325541 • Visit us at: <http://www.bambros.com.ph> • E-mail us at: Bi_tech@meridiantelecoms.net; asusna@meridiantelecoms.net

SILICON VALLEY

TCA

VillMan

COMLink

- BRANCHES: Q.C. Tel. No. 371-5611 • STA. LUCIA EAST GRAND MALL Tel. No. 646-6536 • SM MEGAMALL Tel. No. 633-1724 • SM MANILA Tel. No. 525-3218 • SM NORTH Tel. No. 927-5821 • SM SOUTH MALL Tel. No. 806-9595 • SM BACOOR Tel. No. (046) 502-0526 • SM CEBU Tel. No. (032) 234-0219 • SM PAMPANGA Tel. No. (045) 961-2225 • HARRISON PLAZA Tel. No. 525-7731 • AYALA ALABANG Tel. No. 807-8987 • QUAD PARK SQUARE I Tel. No. 812-6734
- BRANCHES: EDISA SHANGRI - LA PLAZA Tel. No. 637-4163 • SM SOUTH MALL Tel. No. 800-0512 • SM MEGAMALL Tel. No. 633-1594 • SM BACOOR Tel. No. (046) 417-0840 • STA. LUCIA EAST Tel. No. 681-7534 • FAIRVIEW Tel. No. 418-7151 • FESTIVAL MALL FILINVEST Tel. No. 850-3210 • VIRRAMALL Tel. No. 721-0757 • QUAD PARK SQUARE I Tel. No. 810-5090 • TUTUBAN Tel. No. 253-1444
- BRANCHES: 2/F 6797 AYALA AVE. cor. HERRERA ST., MAKATI Tel. No. 892-2222 • G/F SUNVAR PLAZA - MAKATI Tel. No. 843-4371 • PASO DE ROXAS MAKATI Tel. No. 813-0570 • G/F PACIFIC CORPORATE BUILDING - WEST AVE. Q.C. Tel. No. 373-9872 • VCSI BUILDING - PAGO - ASA, Q.C. Tel. No. 939-0411 • G/F METROLANE COMPLEX - CUBAO, Q.C. Tel. No. 912-9785 • G/F KATIPUNAN 2000 BLDG. - KATIPUNAN, Q.C. Tel. No. 435-1224 • SM North EDSA Tel. No. 926-7822/926-7333 • CABANATUAN - MAHARAJA HIGHWAY Tel. No. (044) 600-2000 • CABANATUAN-MEGA CENTER Tel. No. (044) 600-0674
- BRANCHES: 3/F EXPANSION HALL-ROBINSON GALLERIA Tel. No. 652-9896 • G/F CAR PARK PLAZA-SM CITY NORTH Tel. No. 920-9120 • G/F SHANGRI-LA SHOPPING CENTER Tel. No. 637-4414 • AIRPORT CITY HALL-NAIA ROAD, PARANAQUE Tel. No. 512-9708 • 4/F SM CITY MANILA Tel. No. 400-5632 • 4/F SM CITY BACOOR, CAVITE Tel. No. (046) 417-7761



ENTERTAINMENT

Editor Louie C. Camino

JOHN DYKSTRA

There's nothing he can't make

By Paul Daza
Contributor

"SPIDER-MAN" visual effects designer John Dykstra won an Academy Award for his work in the first "Star Wars" film, released in 1977. Together with George Lucas, he co-founded what has since become the most famous visual effects house in the world, Industrial Light and Magic.

Since then, Dykstra has helped to create unforgettable moments and fantastic shots for movies like "Star Trek The Motion Picture," "Batman Forever," "Batman and Robin," and "Stuart Little."

The INQUIRER was recently granted an exclusive e-mail interview with this talented movie magician. Here, Dykstra elaborates on the unique challenges of bringing "Spider-Man" from the two-dimensional confines of a comic book to the far more demanding, gigantic movie screen for director Sam Raimi.

Are you bothered by the feedback going around the Internet, where fans complain that the Spider-Man in the new movie is obviously a computer-generated character?

The proof is in the pudding! Go see the movie and you figure out how many shots of the character are computer-generated images (CGI). By the way, one of the shots that was panned as being obviously CGI in the trailer is in fact a live action shot.

How many visual effects shots are there in "Spider-Man?"

Approximately 540.

Of these shots, which was the most difficult to do and why?

The final shot of Spider-Man swinging through the streets of New York was one of the hardest shots. It's long, 28 seconds, give or take. It's daytime, sunlight revealing any seams or faults in our CGI city or our character.

Do you have a favorite shot in the "Spider-Man" movie?

My favorite is the final shot in the film. This shot includes most of the things that we set as challenges for ourselves when we began to make "Spider-Man." The concept of a cameraman that travels with Spider-Man while he makes his way, without



COMPUTER OR ACTOR? "Spider-Man" has about 540 CGIs, according to its visual effects designer.

limitations, through the streets of New York. The idea that, using this cameraman, we will give the viewer an idea of what it is like to be Spider-Man. To have the freedom to web your way from the tops of skyscrapers to the streets below and back up again. Freefall and high gravity swings at image blurring speed. I think this shot does all those things.

Was working on director Sam Raimi's "Spider-Man" easier or more difficult than the two "Batman" movies directed by Joel Schumacher?

Two different directors, two different styles. "Spider-Man" was a harder movie to make visual effects for. Joel's "Batman" movies were mostly night, that's when Batman and Robin came out. Sam's idea of Spider-Man included a lot of daytime stuff. Daytime visual effects shots require more detail and are generally harder illusions.

How was your work on "Spider-Man" affected by the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center towers in New York City?

The teaser featuring a web between the towers was in theaters at the time. The studio pulled out the teaser. The film did not include the bank robbery scene. No images were changed to add or delete the towers. I think that working on a film about a normal kid who becomes a hero was a real parallel to the real people who didn't think twice about risking their lives in that real world disaster. Humanity can never have too many heroes.

How was Raimi's approach to "Spider-Man" similar or different to Schumacher's approach to the last two "Batman" movies? Both directors are quoted as saying they wanted their movies to look like "living comic books."

Again, Batman inhabits the night. Spider-Man is around day and night. Sam wanted his movie to be bright and real. Instead of creating a new generic version of New York, we used Times Square full scale, and went to huge efforts to dress it to fit into the movie. We shot extensive plates of the city's skyline, day and night, to be

composited into backgrounds. We used the city, warts and all. (Production designer) Neil Spisak's sets and Don Burgess' photography captured a very real, contemporary place.

Joel was much more stylized in his conception of Gotham City—they didn't even call it New York. Barbara Ling, Steven Goldblatt and myself created a much more theatrical world for Batman. More extreme use of color and stylized design marked the darker world of Batman.

Please tell us about your personal life. Are you married? Do you have any children?

My wife and I have a daughter 13 years old. My wife is writing and producing a story called "Into the Forest." My daughter is working hard at middle school. She is an artist and actress.

Please tell us something about yourself that would surprise your fans.

I like reading better than going to the movies.

It's official that there will be another "Spider-Man" movie. Which villain from the "Spider-Man" comics

would pose the biggest challenge to you as a visual effects designer for a movie sequel, and why?

In an odd way, all villains are created equal. The advent of digital imaging has given real truth to the statement "there is nothing we cannot make." So no one physical trait or capability is beyond representation on the screen. The real challenge is not technical. The biggest challenge is lifting the villain's persona off the pages of the comic book and fleshing out that 2D illustration with all the nuances of motion and posture that give the viewer insight into what the character is thinking.

You've worked on some of the most popular films ever made and helped bring to the big screen some of the world's most beloved comic book superheroes. Is there anything else that you are still aching to do?

I am and hope to remain a student of film. As long as filmmaking continues to evolve and I can find new lessons and ways to express myself with images and

story, I'll be happy.

In the 20th anniversary issue of the visual effects magazine Cinefex, you are quoted as saying that your favorite example of visual effects in a recent film was "The Matrix." This was in January 2000. Has any film released since then replaced "The Matrix" as your favorite film you didn't work on?

Yes, I have three films whose effects are as successful as "The Matrix." It turns out they are the three films nominated for an Academy award this year. "Lord of the Rings," "A.I." and "Pearl Harbor." In all three of these films, the effects were seamless in their integration. In all three cases the story defined the effects as opposed to the effects defining the story.

In the same issue of Cinefex, you say "Star Wars" is your favorite among all the films you've worked on. Is this still true, or has "Spider-Man" become your favorite?

"Star Wars" is still and will likely remain my most enjoyable working experience. Raw enthusiasm was the fuel, friends working together in selfless collaboration, ignorance of the impossibility of the task before us and one king-size run of luck. Maybe everything gets better in remembrance?

Is there any kind of visual effects technology/software created just for "Spider-Man?"

"Off the shelf" software is the basis for nearly all visual effects projects. The things that set "Spider-Man" apart are the custom plug-ins for Maya, unique shaders written for Renderman, proprietary Banzai compositing software and a host of other special application software that has been adapted to the visual effects needs of Spider-Man. We also built several motion control camera systems, used in the green screen photography of our live actors.

I don't think that we can point to one technology that was developed from scratch for "Spider-Man." We did, however, upgrade many known technologies and combined those tools in unique ways to produce groundbreaking images.

Thank you very much for your time, Mr. Dykstra.

Ipe and I back 'together' again

I WAS given the best Mother's Day gift a couple of days in advance.

My schedule has been very hectic the past couple of weeks, and poor Josh has only had my company when the two of us were asleep in bed. He brought me to my taping and on our way his dad called to ask what time I would be sending him over.

In fairness to Phillip, I had called him up the night before because I found out that I'd be taping a total of nine "Game Ka Na Ba" episodes over the next two days. Added to that were my pictorial, dubbing and radio ad recording for the commercial I had just shot. I felt guilty that Josh was always eating dinner alone and I thought it would be best for him to stay with his dad.

When I asked Josh what time he would like to go to his dad, my son said, "Stay na lang ako with Mama."

I was deeply touched that despite the fact that I was so busy working, my son wanted to still be with me.

I credit Ipe with taking it all in stride and jokingly saying, "Wow, bumalimbing na kaagad si Josh." They had just spent a vacation in Bicol and Josh had the time of his life swimming everyday with his dad, sister and cousins on the beach and in a fresh spring water pool.

Cute commercial

This calls to mind the "controversial" McDonald's commercial.

KRIS
AND TELL

Kris
Aquino



The first time I saw it, I easily identified because Josh does call his father "Dada," and that's how all of us—my family, friends, and co-workers—refer to him. I saw that the commercial was done in a lighthearted spirit and I didn't take offense at all.

In my eyes, the commercial was cute, especially the little girl. But then, again, values formation should be uppermost in our minds as parents, and, even jokingly, we shouldn't make our kids choose which parent they prefer.

There was a time when I felt a bit hurt that Josh was just so eager to go to his dad's house. I asked him to drop me off at work and all he did was bring me to my car and give me a kiss and said, "Bye, Mama. Taping ka na mama sa ABS, punta na ko kay Dada."

Normally he loves going to ABS because he loves the food and snacks in the canteen. But that time, there was no getting to his heart through his stomach.

Blossoming

When parents are separated, in an unexpected way there's a fortunate compensation for the child because the parent who gets to spend less time with the child re-

ally goes out of his or her way to make the time they have together very special and memorable.

Josh has blossomed so much since he started spending more time with his dad. They get to do activities that Josh and I can't do together because I work very long hours and I'm not athletic.

My mom said that I should be thankful that Josh's dad makes the time to really give Josh quality bonding. And I couldn't agree more.

After all the bitter words that were exchanged, Ipe and I are now actually friends. I like and appreciate him immensely now because he makes Josh so happy.

The basis of our relationship now is Josh and no longer the complicated us. Since he genuinely prioritizes Josh, and he's an involved and affectionate dad, in my eyes he's now tops.

We weren't meant to be together, but I now realize that I shouldn't stop us from being the best parents that we can be. In that, we are comrades all throughout Josh's life.

Respect and support

Later this week, eight years after we made our film "Nandito Ako," Phillip and I will be facing the cameras together again. This time, it will be in one of the special 10th anniversary episodes of "Maalala Mo Kaya."

I was asked nearly a month ago by the ABS drama production manager if I was ready to work with Ipe. I told them it would be

my pleasure. When Josh came home from Bicol and I spoke to his dad to thank him for taking excellent care of Josh, I told him about the offer and I told him that I hoped he would also say yes.

The main theme of the "Maalala Mo Kaya" story (without giving away the plot) is this: For a relationship to go beyond the initial stages of falling in love, you must learn to respect each other as individuals and value each other enough to not impose your ideals on each other, but support each other in your quest to become the best persons you can be. Only when you've been able to do that will you have a true loving partnership.

Mom and dad

In a lot of ways, that mirrors the challenges we went through during our nearly five years together. Ipe and I both thought that loving each other meant becoming what one wanted the other to be.

In the "Maalala" script, our differences are resolved because my character sacrifices her ambitions in favor of her man's happiness, which she realizes will eventually lead to her family's happiness.

Life doesn't follow the neat resolutions of scripts, but we've learned to make the best of our shortcomings and we've come to terms with our most productive roles in each other's lives. And that's simply to be Josh's mom and dad.

'Spider-Man,' 'Spider-Man' does whatever a superhero movie can

By Oliver Pulumbart
Contributor

THE SUBJECT of fan speculation for many years, the Spider-Man movie is finally unveiled. Tobey Maguire is the teenaged Peter Parker, who gains the qualities of a spider and becomes the masked defender Spider-Man.

The web-slinger faces the challenges of public opinion and the armored psycho Green Goblin (Willem Dafoe) while juggling the problems of a regular guy. As Peter, he shyly pursues his dream girl, the perky redhead Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst).

The thing with comic book-inspired movies is the over-simplification of decades' worth of stories for easy accessibility. But to get the essence of the concept and characters is of paramount importance. In that respect, the Spider-Man movie was successful. It's not bad. It has many inspired moments.

But speaking as a longtime fan of the wall crawler, I think it could've been better.

The film tries to be as faithful as it possibly can to its comic book roots, but the two will always be different animals. Comic book readers will either agree or disagree on whether the translation was a good one. But, that said, a little complexity to the plot wouldn't hurt.

Peter's comic book flame Gwen Stacy, for instance, could have been thrown in to create more tension with Mary Jane (like in the old Spidey stories). Norman Osborn's loony alter ego could've had more depth (he was part of the criminal underworld in the monthlies).

The pacing of the entire flick could have been a little quicker. I noticed the two-hour running time—Jas opposed to not noticing it at all. Some scenes with the supporting cast seem a little forced and unnecessarily mopey, especially the Harry Osborn character's parts.

The romantic angles don't have much tingle to them as well. I think I've seen more chemistry in some teen-targeted TV soaps.

Goose bumps

What makes "Spider-Man" good is the strong union of action and special effects. When Spidey swings between skyscrapers, I feel goose bumps. It actually feels fun and exhilarating!

I also like the updated origin: Instead of the old radioactive spider, a genetically designed super-spider gives the Peter Parker character arachnid-like abilities. The natural wrist webs (instead of artificial web-shooters) is a logical change for the best.

The script has some fine points, especially the mention of a few

SPIDER-MAN/A31

Sneak preview: 'Attack of the Clones'

SINCE "Star Wars Episode 1: Attack of the Clones" is about to open, viewers want to get a sneak preview of what this second "prequel" is about. Some hints provided by people who have somehow gotten around the production's strict non-disclosure rules:

"Episode 2" is the story of Count Dooku, a rebel Jedi who creates an army of clones to pit them against the Federation. The film narrates the events that lead the young Jedi, Anakin Skywalker, to the dark side of the Force, where he later becomes Darth Vader.

The new film begins 10 years after the events of "Episode 1: The Phantom Menace." The galaxy has undergone significant changes, and so have "Star Wars" principal characters:

Padme Amidala (**Natalie Portman**) is no longer a queen, she has become a senator. She,

Obi-Wan Kenobi (**Ewan McGregor**) and Anakin are thrown together again for the first time since the Trade Federation's invasion of Naboo.

New relationships form and powerful choices collide, and these lead characters have to make choices that will impact not only on their own lives but also on the destiny of the Republic as a whole.

The big question is: How does Anakin get transformed from the innocent child of Episode 1 and the gallant young Jedi in Episode 2 (played by **Hayden Christensen**), to the menacing Darth Vader who becomes the series' major villain later in the story?

Christensen himself offers a few leads. He can't say much, but since some of the details have been leaked, he can confirm this much: "Anakin is protecting Amidala and he falls in love. It's a

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

big conflict, because the Jedi are not supposed to experience romantic love.

"And there's animosity between Anakin and Obi-Wan because Anakin is developing quickly as a Jedi and thinks he should have a position of greater importance than the one he has now. Conflicting ambitions and desires make him boil; he doesn't just snap and go to the dark side."

But the seeds have been planted. So there.

By the way, if you're a big "Star Wars" fan and are counting the

days, hours and minutes before the new prequel opens here, you have nothing on the two US fans who have been waiting outside a moviehouse in Seattle, Washington—since Jan. 1, 2002.

Lost civilization

PERUVIAN archaeologist **Guillermo Cock** changes viewers' understanding of the great Inca empire in the one-hour documentary, "Inca Mummies: Secrets of a Lost Empire," premiering on the National Geographic Channel at 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 19.

He and other experts uncover a lost settlement, human burials and mysterious "mummy bundles." The special also features the work of high-altitude archaeologist **Johan Reinhard** and Inca scholar **Peter Frost**.

With support from the National Geographic Society, Cock and his team have been working around

the clock excavating human remains and mummy bundles. Since 1999, they have extracted the remains of some 2,200 individuals, representing a full spectrum of rank and age. The mummy bundles shed new light on the ancient culture.

Print poo-poo

OCCASIONALLY, we come out with compilations of Boob-tube Boobies and Quiz-show Errors to make our readers smile. Today, we're running a variation on those humorous themes, taken from things we've found in print. Call them Print Poo-poo, if you will:

"He was flat-footed on the ground, unconscious."

"He's one punch less to death!"

"Gone now and never come back, you bits!"

"You're important than anyone else."

"Life is full hypocrisy and pain!"

"You must aspire the best out of worst!"

"What are frustration and despair? Frustration is under our arm and despair is over our head!"

"If money not enough, you better find additional now!"

"He kisses her on the chicks."

"His disparate parents, brothers and sisters are surprised of his arrival."

"I am not that crazy enough to add another mistakes to my case!"

"Even me, is surprised and confused."

"Fire! Fire! There is smoke on the kitchen!"

"The pork that she was prying darkens with smoke!"

"We must threaten them with hospitality."

"Didn't others feeling that way, too?"

"No way? No, there's way!"

Sherman sings in 'Falsettos'



SHERMAN

CONCERT and theater star and recording artist **Lynn Sherman** takes center stage again as the lead in the New Voice Company production of the musical "Falsettos," the Tony Award winning musical by **William Finn** and **James Lapine** about life, love and

loss, set against the backdrop of AIDS.

Sherman plays the lead role of Trina, whose husband leaves her for another man.

She leads a powerhouse cast of some of the brightest and best names in Philippine theater. Joining her are theater stalwarts **Jake Macapagal** and **Joel Trinidad**, as well as NVC resident artists **Rito Asilo** and **Jenny Jamora** and newcomer **Lily Chu**.

In the concert scene, Sherman is the lead singer of the Ugoy Ugoy band. In theater, she is best remembered for her performances in the musicals "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" and "The Little Mermaid."

With NVC, she originated the role of Joanne in the original staging of "Rent" at the Music Museum, and received glowing reviews for it. Again with NVC, she gave critically acclaimed performances in the NVC hit, "The Vagina Monologues."

She is slated to perform the play in Singapore later this year, also with the company.

NVC artistic associate director **Andrew Vergara** directs "Falsettos." NVC resident director **Rabbi Gannaban** is assistant director. Musical direction is by **Bond Samson** with set design by **Denis Lagdameo**. The show is produced by **Rossana Abueva** and **Teresa Wilson**.

"Falsettos" opens at the Music Museum on June 28 and will run until Aug. 3.

For tickets, sponsorship and other information, call the New Voice Company Actors Studio at 896-6695, 896-5497 or 899-06300 (telefax), or e-mail at nvcpost@hotmail.com or nvc@pacific.net.ph.

Mellow OPM, oldies from newcomer Ybeth



GARCIA

HER wide vocal range can qualify her as a diva, but newcomer **Ybeth Garcia** would rather sing easy listening songs. This is why, in her self-titled debut album, Ybeth included mellow OPM love songs and old standards.

The carrier cut, "Kung Sasabihin Kong," could be her ticket to music stardom.

The song, composed by **Snaffu Rigor**, has a simple melody and ticklish lyrics which videoke fans can easily follow. Ybeth describes the song as a mass-based number that can instantly turn into a videoke hit.

Ybeth signed up with **PolyEast Records** of **MCA Universal Music**.

Malik sings McKnight



MALIK

WOMEN will find **Malik** hard to resist. He is endowed with vocal prowess and oozes with masculine appeal.

Malik is the latest OPM artist to sign up with **MCA Universal Music's PolyEast Records**. He begins his quest for stardom via a self-titled debut album loaded with R&B.

Formerly the lead vocalist of the **Union Band**, Malik enters the pop diva-dominated business with his CD album's carrier song, "You Are My Heart," composed by **Brian McKnight** with **Brandon Barnes**.

For Malik, it was a fairytale come true to record a song written by **McKnight**.

"When I was still doing gigs with pop bands, my repertoire was always dominated by black music, especially the hits of **McKnight**," Malik says. "I like his style, cool and effortless. Each time I listen to his records, I always say I want to sing like him."



It's
N
new life

The National High EEF Guarantee.

Low on power usage. High on savings.

With National, you can afford to spend the freshest moments with your loved ones. Because each National Refrigerator is certified with high Energy Efficiency Factor (EEF) -- your guarantee of longer economic use that lets you buy more time with your family. Plus, the Semi-Automatic 2-door models come with a built-in Quick Defrost Function that defrosts 3 times faster.

National Refrigerator. It's N new fresh of power efficiency.



QUICK DEFROST FUNCTION



PAN WATER COLLECTOR

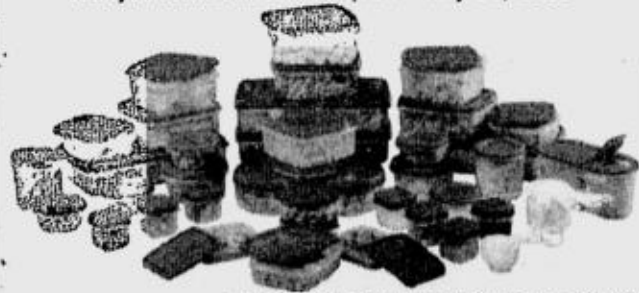
**POWER
SAVER
REF**



FREE!

88 pc. Foodkeeper Set

when you buy any National Refrigerator
Hurry! Promo runs from April 1- May 31, 2002



Per DTI-NCR Permit no.0584, Series of 2002

National

SM CINEMA

SM Dial-A-Movie Tel. 633-9999
NOW SHOWING

SM CITY BACOR

- 1 K-PAX
- 2 7 DAYS TO LIVE
- 3 SPIDERMAN
- 4 JASON-X
- 5 SPIDERMAN
- 6 VIDEOKE KING
- 7 SCORPION KING
- 8 SPIDERMAN

SM CENTERPOINT

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 HARDBALL
- 3 SPIDERMAN
- 4 7 DAYS TO LIVE
- 5 SPIDERMAN
- 6 I AM SAM
- 7 JASON-X
- 8 K-PAX
- 9 VIDEOKE KING
- 10 SCORPION KING

SM CITY FAIRVIEW

- 1 JASON-X
- 2 K-PAX
- 3 7 DAYS TO LIVE
- 4 SPIDERMAN
- 5 SPIDERMAN
- 6 VIDEOKE KING
- 7 SPIDERMAN
- 8 SPIDERMAN
- 9 SCORPION KING
- 10 BUKANG BIBIG
- 11 DEVIL'S MASK
- 12 HARDBALL

SM CITY MANILA

- 1 K-PAX
- 2 SPIDERMAN
- 3 JASON-X
- 4 SPIDERMAN
- 5 SCORPION KING
- 6 SPIDERMAN
- 7 SPIDERMAN
- 8 HARDBALL
- 9 VIDEOKE KING
- 10 I AM SAM
- 11 7 DAYS TO LIVE
- 12 SPIDERMAN

SM MEGAMALL

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 HARDBALL
- 3 JASON-X
- 4 SPIDERMAN
- 5 K-PAX
- 6 SCORPION KING
- 7 7 DAYS TO LIVE
- 8 SPIDERMAN
- 9 VIDEOKE KING
- 10 SPIDERMAN
- 11 I AM SAM
- 12 COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO

SM CITY NORTH EDSA

- 1 JASON-X
- 2 SPIDERMAN
- 3 K-PAX
- 4 VIDEOKE KING
- 5 HARDBALL
- 6 SPIDERMAN
- 7 SCORPION KING
- 8 SPIDERMAN
- 9 CLOSED
- 10 CLOSED
- 11 CLOSED
- 12 CLOSED

SM SOUTHMALL

- 1 HARDBALL
- 2 JASON-X
- 3 SPIDERMAN
- 4 K-PAX
- 5 SPIDERMAN
- 6 SCORPION KING
- 7 VIDEOKE KING
- 8 SPIDERMAN
- 9 7 DAYS TO LIVE
- 10 SPIDERMAN

SM CITY CEBU

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 HARDBALL
- 3 SHOWTIME
- 4 SCORPION KING
- 5 DEVIL'S MASK
- 6 RIPPER
- 7 VIDEOKE KING
- 8 SPIDERMAN

SM CITY ILOILO

- 1 RIPPER
- 2 CLOSED
- 3 SPIDERMAN
- 4 SHOWTIME
- 5 VIDEOKE KING
- 6 SPIDERMAN
- 7 CLOSED
- 8 SCORPION KING

SM CITY PAMPANGA

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 SPIDERMAN
- 3 I AM SAM
- 4 DEVIL'S MASK
- 5 RETURN TO NEVERLAND
- 6 VIDEOKE KING

SM SUPER CTR. SUCAT

- 1 JASON-X
- 2 SPIDERMAN
- 3 VIDEOKE KING
- 4 SPIDERMAN

SM CINEMA GUADALUPE

- 1 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
- 2 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
- 3 CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

SM CINEMA TUTUBAN

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 JASON-X
- 3 SPIDERMAN
- 4 VIDEOKE KING

SM CITY DAVAO

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 HART'S WAR
- 3 VIDEOKE KING
- 4 TIME MACHINE
- 5 SPIDERMAN
- 6 BLADE 2

SM BICUTAN

- 1 SOON TO OPEN!
- 2 4 NEW
- 3 STATE-OF-THE-ART VISION & SOUND
- 4

SM CITY CAGAYAN DE ORO

- 1 SOON TO OPEN!
- 2 4 NEW
- 3 STATE-OF-THE-ART VISION & SOUND
- 4

THE PODIUM

16 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City

- 1 SOON TO OPEN!
- 2 2 NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART VISION & SOUND

6389781-85

Movies are subject to change without prior notice

AYALA CINEMAS NOW SHOWING

YOUR 24 HOUR LINK TO ALL AYALA CINEMAS • 729-7777

G1 (GLOBETTER 1)	G4 (GLOBETTER 4)	GB1 (GREENBELT 1)	ATC (ALABANG TOWN CENTER)
1 VIDEOKE KING	1 SPIDERMAN	4 JASON-X	1 SPIDERMAN
2 SPIDERMAN	2 SPIDERMAN	5 K-PAX	2 SPIDERMAN
3 HARDBALL	3 SPIDERMAN	6 SPIDERMAN	3 SPIDERMAN
4 SPIDERMAN	4 SPIDERMAN	7 HARDBALL	4 SPIDERMAN
			5 K-PAX

MMTA

METRO MANILA THEATERS ASSOCIATION

MOVIE GUIDE

NOW SHOWING

EMAIL: mmta@asia.com

Filinvest
IFESTIVAL CINEMA
(Muntinlupa) tel 850.3571 or 72

- 1 I AM SAM
- 2 SPIDERMAN
- 3 HARDBALL
- 4 JASON-X
- 5 SPIDERMAN
- 6 SPIDERMAN
- 7 VIDEOKE KING
- 8 K-PAX
- 9 7 DAYS TO LIVE

Pearl Plaza Cinemas

- 1 RESERVE
- 2 RESERVE
- 3 ROLLERBALL
- 4 RESERVE
- 5 RESERVE
- 6 SPIDERMAN

Golden Pearl THX

Masagana

CINEMA

- 1 VIDEOKE KING
- 2 SPIDERMAN
- 3 BUKANG BIBIG

starmall

Movies

- 1 HARDBALL
- 2 JASON X
- 3 7 DAYS TO LIVE
- 4 SPIDERMAN
- 5 BUKANG BIBIG

METROPOLIS

st r

- 1 JASON X
- 2 BUKANG BIBIG
- 3 VIDEOKE KING
- 4 SPIDERMAN
- 5 SCORPION KING
- 6 SPIDERMAN
- 7
- 8

PREMIERE

CINEMA

- 1 STAR WARS EPISODE-II

Center Plaza Cinema

- 1 VIDEOKE KING
- 2 SCORPION KING

FCM FAIRVIEW CENTER MALL, INC

- 1 RESERVE
- 2 BUKANG BIBIG
- 3 RESERVE

Spring

- 1 VIDEOKE KING

Sunshine

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 VIDEOKE KING
- 3
- 4

ADVANCED SCREENING

THX

DOLBY

SDS

STAR WARS

EPISODE II

ATTACK OF THE CLONES

GOTESCO CINEMA

Gotesco City

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 RESERVE
- 3 RESERVE
- 4 HARDBALL
- 5 JASON-X
- 6 7 DAYS TO LIVE
- 7 K-PAX
- 8 SPIDERMAN
- 9 SPIDERMAN

Gotesco Caloocan

- 1 VIDEOKE KING

Gotesco Grand Central

- 1 VIDEOKE KING
- 2 SABAYAN SA LABAN
- 3 HARDBALL
- 4 SPIDERMAN
- 5 SPIDERMAN
- 6 SPIDERMAN
- 7 JASON X
- 8 BUKANG BIBIG
- 9 SCORPION KING

Gotesco Commonwealth

- 1 RESERVE
- 2 BUKANG BIBIG
- 3 RESERVE
- 4 JASON X
- 5 SPIDERMAN
- 6 SPIDERMAN
- 7 VIDEOKE KING
- 8
- 9

Gotesco Ortigas

- 1 VIDEOKE KING
- 2 JASON X
- 3 SPIDERMAN
- 4 BUKANG BIBIG
- 5 SPIDERMAN

Universal

- 1 SABAYAN SA LABAN

Sampaguita

- 1 VIDEOKE KING

Dillon

- 1 SABAYAN SA LABAN

Mandaluyong

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 VIDEOKE KING
- 3 JASON X

Prima

- 1 VIDEOKE KING

Isetann Cinerama Complex Recto

SUPER CINERAMA

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 RESERVE
- 3 RESERVE
- 4 VIDEOKE KING
- 5 SABAYAN SA LABAN

New Divisoria Mall

DIVISORIA CINEMA

- 1 VIDEOKE KING

FRC Cinema

- 1 VIDEOKE KING

Berma

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 VIDEOKE KING

CitiMall

- 1 VIDEOKE KING

Emperor

- 1 VIDEOKE KING
- 2 SPIDERMAN
- 3 SPIDERMAN

Fiesta World Mall

- 1 BUKANG BIBIG
- 2 SCORPION KING
- 3 SHOWTIME
- 4 VIDEOKE KING

Jade Cinema

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 EVIL WOMAN
- 3 SPIDERMAN
- 4 DEVIL'S MASK

Fourstep

- 1 VIDEOKE KING

Cabuyao

- 1 SPIDERMAN

Star Mills

- 1 I AM SAM
- 2 VIDEOKE KING
- 3 SPIDERMAN
- 4 SCORPION KING
- 5 DEVIL'S MASK
- 6 SPIDERMAN

malabon citisquare-

soon to open.

CINEMAS

@ Robinsons Malls

NOW SHOWING

Galleria 632- 9115- 16
633- 7641 loc. 279

THX

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 SPIDERMAN
- 3 K-PAX
- 4 I AM SAM
- 5 JASON-X
- 6 SPIDERMAN
- 7 7 DAYS TO LIVE
- 8 HARDBALL
- 9 SCORPION KING
- 10 VIDEOKE KING

Ermita 536-7809-12

THX

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 7 DAYS TO LIVE
- 3 HARDBALL
- 4 K-PAX
- 5 VIDEOKE KING
- 6 SPIDERMAN
- 7 JASON-X

Metro East - 682- 8193 / 8780

THX

- 1 K-PAX
- 2 SPIDERMAN
- 3 SCORPION KING
- 4 I AM SAM / 7 DAYS TO LIVE
- 5 SPIDERMAN
- 6 VIDEOKE KING
- 7 JASON-X
- 8 HARDBALL

Novaliches 935- 3229 - 30

THX

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 SPIDERMAN
- 3 I AM SAM / 7 DAYS TO LIVE
- 4 SCORPION KING
- 5 K-PAX
- 6 VIDEOKE KING
- 7 HARD BALL
- 8 JASON-X

Imus 471- 8188 / 875- 3838

THX

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 KAPIRASONG GUBAT / 7 DAYS TO LIVE
- 3 JASON-X
- 4 K-PAX
- 5 VIDEOKE KING
- 6 HARDBALL

Bacolod 441- 0453 / 0459

THX

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 HART'S WAR
- 3 BLADE 2
- 4 BLOW DRY
- 5 VIDEOKE KING
- 6 SCORPION KING / ICE AGE

Iloilo 336- 8077 - 78

THX

- 1 SPIDERMAN
- 2 SHOWTIME
- 3 SPIDERMAN
- 4 RIPPER
- 5 GOOD ADVICE
- 6 VIDEOKE KING

Star Mills- 875- 1927
San Fernando, Pamp. 961-5318 / 5270

THX

- 1 I AM SAM
- 2 VIDEOKE KING
- 3 SPIDERMAN
- 4 SCORPION KING
- 5 DEVIL'S MASK
- 6 SPIDERMAN

how-2-reach-us:

email: htc@netasia-mnl.net

http://www.robinsonsmovieworld.com

call-a-movie 536- 7812

MOVIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

Late Night Screening

SPIDERMAN on MAY 10 & 11, 2002 Friday & Saturday 11:00 p.m. @ Robinsons MovieWorld Galleria

New band teams up with icons from '60s, '70s in Tent show

THE new band Q & A performs in "Tunog OPM Dekada Sa Tent-Ah" on May 30 at the NBC Tent in Fort Bonifacio.

Q & A is composed of fine session musicians who not only play good music, specifically from the '60s and the '70s, but they also have impressive looks. The band headliners include Marvin Querido, formerly of Second Wind; drummer Mike Alba from Passage band; Kettle Mata on guitar, Francis de Leon on sax, John Campo on trumpet, Toby Zapanta on trombone and record executive Chito Ilagan on bass.

On vocals are Jay Marquez, Lissa del Valle, Oliver Samson Conda, Michael Yonting and Jay Javier.

Q & A already has a particular sound, which has attracted followers in the band's regular live performances.

Also featured in the concert are the boy bands of the '70s—Boyfriends, VST & Co., Hotdog—and pop icon Leah Navarro and the Vicor Dancers.

Q & A will soon release its debut album from MCA Universal.

Hotdogs has just released an album of revivals while band leader Dennis Garcia is preparing to work on a new album. Bob Guzman

and Gary Arriola of the Boyfriends continue to work in the live entertainment scene.

The concert will be a grand reunion for the original members of VST & Co. mainly headed by the heartthrobs Male Rigor and Monet Gaskell.

The NBC Tent concert will bring back the frenzy of disco and the nostalgia of the '70s. It is an all-night-long event in two acts and it hopes to raise funds for the Shining Light Foundation.

The Shining Light Foundation helps less fortunate individuals with diabetes-related ailments.

Milky Evangelista teamed up with friends Joey Teotico and Emy Garcia-Reyes to create the musical event. A former professional dancer, Evangelista conceptualized the concert when he heard an old VST & Co. song in a party.

"Tunog OPM..." is presented by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. and the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, with Joy 92.3, Hotel Inter-Continental Manila, Kusinang Pinoy, NBC, Northwest Airlines and The Richmond Hotel.

Tickets are available at the Party City office, 535-2168, and at Talentworks, 722-1320.

'Spider-Man,' ... From page A28

Marvel characters like "the Thing" and "Dr. Connors" (otherwise known as "the Lizard" to many web heads). It's also safe to assume that DC's Superman comics exist in that Marvelous world.

The Spider-Man costume's embossed web design looks great, but the Green Goblin's metal mask took away much of Dafoe's over-the-top acting. A prosthetic mask might have made a more expressive Goblin, or, better yet, green facial paint. Dafoe's face has that incredible quality to look vul-

nerable or menacing. But the actor nonetheless gives a credible performance.

Improvements

Unlike other superhero movies like the first two "Batman" and the "Superman" installments, whose cities are characters in themselves, Spider-Man's New York isn't atmospheric enough. Hopefully, director Sam Raimi will make room for improvements in the sequel.

Perhaps a more wisecracking Spidey is in the works. An appearance by a leather-clad Black

Cat (Spider-Man's crime-fighting partner and girlfriend in the comic book) can spice things up in the future. Spider-Man's gallery of foes rivals that of Batman's, so there's a lot of twisted crooks to choose from.

This is Marvel's fourth successful movie, following the "X-Men" and the two "Blade" films. "Spider-Man" may be typical popcorn fare, but it's a notably good effort by everyone involved. It also hopes to rake in the bucks two weeks before "Episode II" opens.

Long forgotten are the failed horrid attempts of old (remember "the Punisher" and "Captain America"?), as Marvel fans look forward to the "Daredevil" and "Hulk" flicks in the coming years.

The Spider-Man franchise looks like it can survive. All merchandising possibi-

ties have been utilized. I just hope Marvel doesn't accidentally hand it to the culprits of the Bat-franchise's demise, Joel Schumacher and Akiva Goldsman.

THEATER MOVIE GUIDE

ARANETA CENTER THEATERS 911-3101

ALI MALL CINEPLEX-1	VIDEOKE KING
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-2	7 DAYS TO LIVE
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-3 (DOLBY)	JASON X
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-4 (DOLBY)	SPIDERMAN
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-5 (DOLBY)	SPIDERMAN
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-6 (DOLBY)	HARDBALL
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-7 (DOLBY)	K-PAX
FARMERS PLAZA-1 (DOLBY)	KAPIRASONG GUBAT
FARMERS PLAZA-2 (DOLBY)	SPIDERMAN
FIESTA CARNIVAL	
NEW FRONTIER	

MANILA

EASTERN	
MAXIM	CLOSED
MIRAMAR	ESKANDALOSA / TEQUILA BODY SHOT
ODEON	JASON-X
ODEON-2	SCORPION KING
ROBEN	KAPIRASONG GUBAT
TANDEM-1	ITLOG
TANDEM-2	IKA-7 GLORYA
TIMES	GLASS HOUSE / DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

QUEZON CITY

ACT-1	SENSUAL ISLAND
ACT-2	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
ACT-3	CLOSED
ACT-4	CLOSED
CORONET-2	ORIGINAL SIN
QUEZON-1	BUKANG BIBIG
REMAR	VIDEOKE KING
REMAR-2	BUKANG BIBIG

NOVA MALL - NOVALICHES CINEMA

A	VIDEOKE KING
B	KAPIRASONG GUBAT
C	

MANDALUYONG CITY

SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL	635-20-79 / 633-78-51 TO 70
CINEMA-1	K-PAX
CINEMA-2	SPIDERMAN

CAINTA RIZAL

STA. LUCIA EAST	(681-6401 TO 19)
CINEMA-1	I AM SAM
CINEMA-2	BUKANG BIBIG
CINEMA-3	VIDEOKE KING
CINEMA-4 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	7 DAYS TO LIVE
CINEMA-5 (DOLBY)	HARDBALL
CINEMA-6	BENEATH LOCHNESS
CINEMA-7	KAPIRASONG GUBAT
CINEMA-8	SCORPION KING
CINEMA-9 (DOLBY)	SPIDERMAN
CINEMA-10 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	SPIDERMAN
CINEMA-11 (DOLBY)	SPIDERMAN
CINEMA-12	K-PAX
CINEMA-14	JASON X
CINEMA-15	VIDEOKE KING

LORES

CINEMA-2	CLOSED
CINEMA-3	CLOSED

POWER PLANT CINEMA

CINEMA-1	K-PAX
CINEMA-2	SPIDERMAN
CINEMA-3	HARDBALL
CINEMA-4	SPIDERMAN
CINEMA-5	JASON X
CINEMA-6	SPIDERMAN

UNIWIDE METROMALL

(LAS PINAS)	
CINEMA-1	
CINEMA-2	
CINEMA-4	

UNIWIDE COASTAL MALL

(PARANAQUE)	
CINEMA-1	ALIPIN NG TUKSO
CINEMA-2	THE OTHER SIDE OF LOVE
CINEMA-4	ALAMID

A long time ago,
in a galaxy far, far away,
it took forever to get a loan.

Get approval in 15 minutes. Call **423-3333** for Citibank Loan-on-Phone.

Citibank Installment Loan. Give us a call (from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm Monday to Saturday and 8:30 am to 5:30 pm Sunday), answer a few questions and we'll take care of the rest including delivering the loan proceeds to you. Borrow from P15,000 up to P1,000,000. No collateral required. Your monthly income may be as low as P10,000 (2001 ITR needed). Initially available in Metro Manila, Cavite, Laguna, Bulacan and Rizal Province. Terms and Conditions apply.

100
YEARS IN THE
PHILIPPINES

citibank

the all-digital sound
AYALA CINEMAS
GLORIETTA 16/4 GREENBELT/ALABANG TOWN CENTER

Special Thanks:
Vortex
K **OUTREACH**
candy **seventeen**
JAG **MARVEL**

SPIDER-MAN

NOW SHOWING AT ALL AYALA CINEMAS
MTRCB Rating G (GENERAL PATRONAGE) ALL AGES ADMITTED

THEATRE-MALL
a landmark reinvented!

1 **SPIDERMAN**
10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
GP

2 **SPIDERMAN**
11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30
GP

All Reserved Seating: P120.00
TICKET PRICES & SCREENING TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.
GREENBELT SHOPPING CENTER, GREENBELT AVENUE, GREENBELT, SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA • TEL: 499-9999

MUSIC MUSEUM May 11, 2002 REIGNE ON TOUR (Regine Velasquez) 9:00 pm / May 17, 2002 SIDE A "A Timeless Rendezvous" 9:00 pm
FOR INQUIRIES & RESERVATION, PLS. CALL: 721-9726 OR 721-0635

POWER PLANT CINEMA
Rockwell Center, Makati City Tel. No: 8981-440-41

K-PAX - P13 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00	SPIDERMAN - GP 1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20	HARDBALL - P13 12:50, 3:05, 5:20, 7:35, 9:50
SPIDERMAN - GP 12:40, 3:20, 6:00, 8:40	JASON X - P13 1:20, 3:25, 5:30, 7:35, 9:40	SPIDERMAN - GP 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

MATINEE P80.00 - FREE SEATING - SCREENINGS BEFORE 5 PM - MON. TO FRI.

OPENS WEDNESDAY!
MTRCB R-18 Strictly for ADULTS No one below 18 yrs. may be admitted.

RITA MAGDALENA JOHN ARCILLA ALLEN DIZON PYAR MIRASOL

TONTON GUTIERREZ
and
GLYDEL MERCADO

Lana Totoo Na

BERTING LABRA JACKIE CASTILLO JOSEPH BALTAZAR
Guest Appearances: PRECIOUS VALENCIA NICOLE NOBLE IVANA CAPES

Directed by ARMAN REYES, Edpin

THE SAGA CONTINUES MAY 16!
MTRCB RATING G General Patronage | ALL AGES ADMITTED

STAR WARS
EPISODE II
ATTACK OF THE CLONES.

STAR WARS EPISODE II ATTACK OF THE CLONES
Starring EWAN MCGREGOR NATALIE PORTMAN HAYDEN CHRISTENSEN
IAN MCDIARMID SAMUEL L. JACKSON CHRISTOPHER LEE
Music by JOHN WILLIAMS Produced by RICK MCCALLUM
Screenplay by GEORGE LUCAS and JONATHAN HALEY
Directed by GEORGE LUCAS

www.starwars.com

*Internet banking that's
easy and secure.*

metrobankdirect
Power banking on the Net

Point-and-click ease. Safety and security. Exactly what you look for in an Internet banking service.

Enjoy power banking on the Net right where you are — in the comfort of your home, office or anywhere you happen to be Internet-connected — anytime, any day! With **metrobankdirect**, you can bank online with confidence. It features a simple navigation system that's very easy to use. What's more, it's equipped with security features such as:

- ☛ Customer ID and password protection
- ☛ An encryption system that prevents unauthorized access during transmission to and from your browser
- ☛ A 20-minute time delay that keeps others from accessing your account in case you didn't log out properly
- ☛ Automatic log-out when you leave your computer idle
- ☛ Website certification by Verisign, one of the world's leading website authentication companies

metrobankdirect lets you do any of the following transactions online:

- Inquire on your account balance
- Open another deposit account
- Request for bank statements
- Transfer funds
- Order a checkbook
- Pay your bills
- Apply for telegraphic transfers

You can also get advice on your home and car financing needs and do more with our user-friendly banking solutions without need to enroll your account:

- Apply for a MetroHome or MetroCar loan
- Apply for a Metrobank credit card
- Inquire on foreign exchange and interest rates

metrobankdirect, one of Metrobank's many innovations to make banking even more convenient for you. There's no need to open a virtual account. Simply enroll your accounts now so you can just click to bank. Enrollment is free!

Powered by: **NSys Consulting** 

For more information, log on to www.metrobank.com.ph and click on the online tour. You may also visit any Metrobank branch or call E-Banking Division at 898-8973, 898-8976 or 898-8839.

You're in good hands with  **METROBANK**
The Country's No.1 Bank

Over 800 domestic and international branches, offices and subsidiaries. Head Office: Metrobank Plaza, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Makati City
Web Page: www.metrobank.com.ph; E-mail: metrobank@metrobank.com.ph
Member of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation. Deposits insured up to P100,000.00 per depositor.

A proud member of **BancNet**

COMPAQ
Evo N400c
Notebook
Ultra functional,
ultra portable
For more info, contact us today!
INTEGRATED COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC. (ICS)
Tel. 727-3801 Website: www.ics.com.ph

MONDAY,
MAY 13, 2002

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

BUSINESS

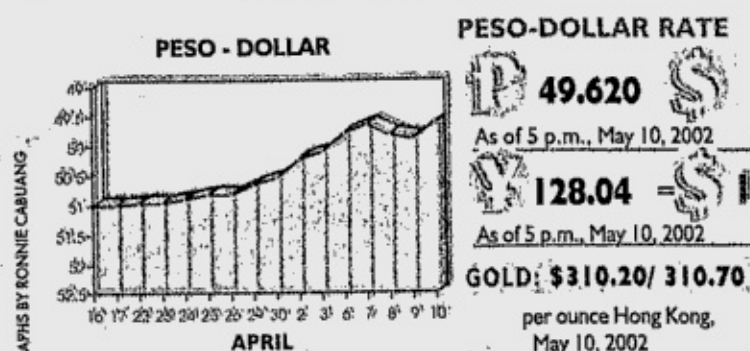
Editor Raul O. Marcelo Assistant Editor Corrie S. Narisma

acer
we hear you

INQUIRE HERE: Acer Website www.acer.com.ph
Acer Hotline 302-7777/302-7888

Strengthening peso worries RP exporters

INDICATORS CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET

Cautious trade seen

ANOTHER week of cautious trading awaits local stocks due to continued uncertainties on corporate earnings and the renewed volatility of the US markets, traders said.

The main-share Philippine Stock Exchange composite index (Phisix) shed 24.82 points or 1.8 percent last week to close at 1,350.77 as investors locked in profits in view of poor first-quarter corporate results and the weakening US markets.

Analysts added that the start of the initial public offering of retail tycoon Henry Sy's Banco de Oro Universal Bank, seen as the hottest IPO in the last few years, had brought fresh excitement but had reduced the market's liquidity.

"The BDO offering is absorbing the market's liquidity," said Joseph Roxas, president of Eagle Equities Inc.

Roxas projected that the Phisix would likely trade with the same caution this week between 1,300 and 1,375.

In its weekly report, BPI Securities agreed that negative corporate developments, the start of the BDO public offering, and the weakness in US markets were contributing to the withdrawal of buying support in the local bourse.

"We continue to expect the market to seek stronger support between 1,300 and 1,330. Buying at this time has remained tentative and lack support (as evidenced by the thin trading volumes)," BPI Securities said.

"The market may be headed for a prolonged consolidation given the uncertainty as to corporate earnings. With weak first quarter results, investors are unlikely to commit to longer-term positions without proof of earnings improvements," it said.

CAUTIOUS/ B6

By Clarissa S. Batino

WORRIED by the peso's recent recovery, exporters said they would remain competitive only if the local currency would stabilize between 49 and 50 to a dollar.

The competitiveness of the export sector is being threatened by a strengthening peso, said Sergio Ortiz-Luis, head of the Philippine Exporters' Confederation Inc.

"If the peso would be unduly strong, we would request the central bank to moderate it," the Philexport chief said in an interview.

The peso had been appreciating in the past two weeks as more dollars from overseas workers,

foreign fund managers and even exporters were being converted to the local currency to pay for tuition fees or for stock investments.

The Macapagal administration interpreted the peso's recovery as another indicator of improving investors' confidence.

Exporters are averse to a strong peso because it would mean lower earnings and less competitive products. Last year, Philippine exports contracted by 15.7 percent.

Earnings from the shipment of locally produced goods account for about 40 percent of the gross domestic product. Ortiz-Luis said this year, exporters were hoping to register a growth of 1.5 percent.

He admitted, however, that the current level was not yet a cause of concern since the uptick of the

peso was in line with the appreciation of other currencies like the Thai baht and the Japanese yen.

The peso closed at 49.62 to a dollar last Friday from P49.90 the previous day. The central bank had been trying to temper the peso's strength by buying dollars from the spot market.

Traders said if the central bank would not intervene aggressively, the peso would continue to strengthen to the low 49-to-\$1 level in the coming days.

"We hope to have a stronger export in the second half so we could reverse the losses in the first half of the year," Ortiz-Luis said.

The Philexport chief said he believed that the peso would go back to the 50-to-\$1 in the coming months. "Exporters feel the peso's uptick could be temporary and

psychological. We feel it could go back to 50 anytime," he said.

Bangko Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura also hinted that the peso's strength might be temporary and the local currency would go back to P50 to a dollar.

Buenaventura said the dollar had been weak against most currencies because many investors were disappointed with the tentative growth of the US economy.

The BSP had warned local players not to push the local currency to higher levels because it could endanger the economy.

Still, the central bank chief acknowledged that economists were now projecting the peso recovering to 48, a reversal of the sentiment during the third quarter last year when many were still projecting the peso would hit 55 to 60 against the greenback.

RP, Korea near deal on \$1-B currency swap

THE GOVERNMENTS of the Philippines and South Korea are set to conclude discussions on a \$500-million to \$1-billion currency swap arrangement, a deal that would readily provide dollars to the country when the peso is weak.

Although there is no urgency to wrap up the deal since the peso had been appreciating, the government would like to sign the agreement within the second quarter.

The first bilateral currency swap sealed by the Philippines outside of the seven-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations was with Japan.

"The details are basically acceptable to both parties. We hope to sign something before June 30," Bangko Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura said in an interview.

The peso had been strengthening along with other regional currencies and had breached the 50-to-\$1 level last week. The local currency closed at P49.62 to a dollar last Friday.



SPRAWLING Makro retail outlet

Sy, Ayala eye joint sale of Makro

By Doris C. Dumlaog

RETAIL tycoon Henry Sy's SM group and property giant Ayala Land Inc. are keen on a joint sale of a combined 64-percent stake in supermarket chain operator Pilipinas Makro Inc.

In a recent interview, Teresita Sy-Coson, executive vice president of Sy's flagship firm SM Prime Holdings Inc., said the SM group

was willing to divest its 36-percent stake in Pilipinas Makro jointly with ALI "if the price is good."

ALI earlier said it wanted to give up its 28-percent interest in the local Makro chain because it would like to focus on its core property business and that retailing was not within its expertise.

Asked why the SM group was willing to sell

SY/ B9



Summer's biggest attraction.

Subic? Nah, Batangas. How about Bataan? The beach is beautiful this time of year. Whatever. Wherever. Finally there's one thing about family outings that everyone can agree on. It'll be a lot more comfortable driving to your destination in the new Chevrolet Venture. Plush, sofa-style seats, safety belts for all ten passengers, a multi-adjustable steering wheel for comfy driving and a spacious luggage compartment to put all your bags and your cooler in. No, the floating bed. What about the portable grill? The beach umbrellas and...

We're sure everyone would want to come along for the test drive too. Go to the GM Autoworld retailer nearest you.

Family Rated: The Perfect 10 Minivan.

See the New Chevrolet Venture at
www.gm.com.ph

GM AutoWorld MAKATI
2307 Pasong Tamo Extension, Makati City
Tel. Nos.: 843-0217 to 20 / 843-0228
814-0803 / 814-0838

GM AutoWorld QUEZON AVENUE
1231 Quezon Ave., Quezon City
Tel. Nos.: 374-1250 to 59 / 413-8133
372-8001, 415-8878
Fax No.: 372-8008

GM AutoWorld SHAW
500 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City
Tel. Nos.: 535-4944 / 535-4938
533-1283
Fax No.: 535-4937 / 535-4935

GM AutoWorld PAMPANGA
MacArthur Highway, Dolores,
City of San Fernando, Pampanga
Tel. Nos.: (045) 961-2002, (045) 860-2000
Tel/Fax No.: (045) 961-2003

GM AutoWorld CEBU
Gov. Cuenco Ave., Cebu City
Tel. No.: (32) 234-0428
Fax No.: (32) 231-7760

GM AutoWorld showrooms
are open 7 days a week.

GM AutoWorld

HOW CAN YOU BE SURE THAT YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT INSURANCE COMPANY?

When you've got Nippon Life—the right insurance company—you're always right!

© 2002 Nippon Life Insurance Co., Ltd.

Call 1-800-2151 (ext. 412)



Nippon Life Philippines

Nothing can be more secure

www.nipponlife-phil.com.ph

Invites you to special seminars on Financial Economics

INTRO TO RISK MANAGEMENT

May 21-23, 2002 (8:30am-5:00pm)

Road Map to Risk Management. Identifying and Quantifying Risk Exposures. Measuring and Monitoring Credit/Liquidity Risks. Identifying and Quantifying Operational Risks. Analysis and Operationalization of Risk Management Function

USE OF DERIVATIVES

June 19-20, 2002 (8:30am-5:00pm)

Corporate Finance Derivatives: Options and Warrants, Convertible Preferred/Debt and Securitization. Treasury Derivatives: Interest Rate Swaps, Currency Forwards

Methodology: Facilitated Discussions, Workshops, Guided Readings and Simulations. Actual Local Case Discussions. Audio-visual Presentations

Faculty: Vincent Ricasio, M.S. (CRC), MBA (UP), Research Fellow UA&P (with more than 20 years Wall Street experience), Aarna Dimanlig, M.S. (CRC), Ph.D. (UC-Sta. Barbara), Research Fellow, UA&P (with actual financial engineering experience in Philippines, Clemente Colayco, MBA, Omar T. Cruz, M.S. (CRC), former President, Citicorp Securities, presently CFO, UA&P

For more information, please call Ms. Orig Jover at 636-7637 / Mary Grace Borja at 633-7902 / Flor Cruz at 634-2822, or email ejover@uap.edu.ph

Avail of Local Training, World-class knowledge

Enroll now at TTC,

The Only Microsoft Certified Training Center in Ortigas with Excellent Facilities & Classrooms

Where you are trained matters!

Courses Offered

MS Windows XP
MS Windows 2000
MS Windows NT 4.0
MS Exchange
MS Intranet/Internet
MS SQL & Visual Basic 6.0
MS Access
MS SMS

Other Courses

MS Office
Lotus
Basic Internet
Internet Specialist
Basic PC Troubleshooting & PC Networking

MS Certification Tracks

Systems Administrator (MCSA)
Systems Engineer (MCSE)
Solutions Developer (MCSA)
Database Administrator (MCDBA)

Special Offer!

Php 90,000

MCSE Track

before: Php 120,000

plus 10-30% off
On all courses & Certification tracks

Evening & Saturday
Classes available!

Technopaq
TRAINING CENTER

ASTRON Bldg., 2/F 102 E. Rodriguez Jr. Ave.
Bgy. Ugong, Pasig City
Direct line 671-6705 Trunk line 671-5811
E-mail training@technopaq.com
And look for Liza & Luanne

Microsoft
CERTIFIED
TRAINING CENTER

Business
Partner

DTI-NOR Permit No. A2-0154

Why AY lost

THERE is a simple reason why taipan Alfonso Yuchengco lost his claim over the Cojuangco shares in Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., the same bloc that is also being claimed by the Marcoses and the Presidential Commission on Good Government.

AY simply never appeared in court.

The taipan's testimony on the witness stand was necessary to support his claim that he was coerced during martial law by his former partner, Ramon Cojuangco (the late father of PLDT chair Antonio Cojuangco Jr.), into giving up his PLDT shareholdings in favor of the Marcoses and his cronies.

COCKTALES



Victor C. Agustin

The taipan's complaint was earlier thrown out by the Sandiganbayan after it was discovered that AY's lawyers from Quisumbing Torres failed to pay the docket fees. On appeal, the Supreme Court ruled that AY's complaint may proceed.

In any case, even if the taipan did take the witness stand, the Sandiganbayan was not inclined to take AY's testimony against the late Cojuangco because of the so-called "dead man's statute."

That statute is designed, to quote a long-standing Supreme Court ruling, "to remove from the surviving party the temptation to falsehood and the possibility of fictitious claims against the deceased" who, of course, can no longer dispute any assertion concerning him.

The elder Cojuangco died on May 9, 1984, almost five years before AY filed the complaint-in-intervention before the Sandiganbayan.

Coincidentally, the Sandiganbayan landmark decision, upholding the Cojuangco claim over those disputed shares, was released to the press also on May 9.

Among AY's allegations was that he also had to give up to the Marcoses the PLDT shares he paid for but had been placed in the name of Gregorio Romulo and Leonides Virata, the late chair of Development Bank of the Philippines.

Virata is the father of investment banker Juan Luis Virata, who during the Estrada years was advising AY and, later on, Metro Pacific's Manuel Pangilinan, on how to go about the multi-billion PLDT takeover deal. Virata, incidentally, was edged out of the deal of the century after Erap pal Mark Jimenez, now a Manila congressman, intervened.

AY has now come out in the open to claim that he also had been arm-twisted by then President Estrada to sell out and allow the Metro Pacific takeover of PLDT.

That is another story, plus rumors of a \$50-million commission, waiting to be fully told.

Polo's poisonous air

DESPITE the supposed gentility of its members, shareholders' meetings at the Manila Polo Club have lately been marked by hecklings, insulting language, and other boorish behavior.

But Thursday night's was over-the-top. The meeting was called after a group of more than 100 members wrote the board to explain the circumstances of the wholesale firing of the club's food and beverage department.

COCKTALES/ B4

Come & Visit
Free Admission!

GRAPHIC EXPO 2002

7th Edition

7th Graphic Expo 2002

Digital Imaging, Prepress, Print Production, Web Publishing, Multimedia & Animation

Incorporating



The Philippine Animation Festival

Philippine Trade Training Center
Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, Philippines
June 05-08, 2002

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

4-day Graphics Technology

| 3-day Seminar Series

on Graphics & Publishing |

Awards Ceremonies of The

Annual Digital Art |

Philippine

Animation Competition |

Product Demonstration on

Digital Photography, Large

Format Printing, Multimedia

& Animation

Sponsors:



In Cooperation With:



For details, please contact: (632) 896 0639, 896 0637, 899 6893 • fax: (632) 896-0637, 890-2101
email: fiera@info.com.ph • visit website: http://www.fiera.com.ph

Sa hirap ng buhay, kailangan magbuhat ng sariling bangko

Take charge of your own learning

Attend the

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

People at Work Live! Seminar Series*

*Last year, 3,350 people from 500 companies did

SECOND QUARTER SEMINAR SERIES: KEY COMPETENCIES



May 28 (Tuesday)

Developing Personal Mastery

ERNIE O. CECILIA, President, EC Business Solutions and Career Center

"Personal mastery" is the phrase Peter Senge, author of "The Fifth Discipline, used for the discipline of personal growth and learning. He wrote that people with high levels of mastery are continually expanding their ability to create the results in life they truly seek. In this session, Mr. Cecilia will discuss

the meaning and importance of personal mastery and the principles and practices which lay the groundwork for continually expanding personal mastery.



May 29 (Wednesday)

Increasing Your Emotional Intelligence for Workplace Results

JOSEFINE O. SANTAMARIA, President, Career Systems, Inc.

Most experts now agree that those who climb the corporate ladder most quickly are those who possess a high degree of emotional intelligence or EQ. EQ is the ability to make your emotions work for you by using them in ways that produce the results you want. And the good news is, EQ can be developed and dramatically increased. Ms. Santamaria will give an overview of emotional intelligence and provide a hands-on guide that people can use to amplify their own emotional intelligence.



May 30 (Thursday)

Building Synergy for Organizational Excellence

LIRIO O. MAPA, Vice President, Center for Leadership and Change, Inc.

Synergy comes from the Greek word *synergos* which means an interaction in which the total effect is greater than the sum of the individual effects. In the competitive world of business, more cooperation is no longer enough to achieve a leading edge. An organization should have synergy to ensure organizational excellence. Ms. Mapa will explain synergy and its critical role in enabling organizations to become great companies. She will outline the steps on how organizations can build synergy to sustain peak performance.

SPECIAL SEMINAR for CEOs, CFOs, HR EXECUTIVES



(Every 6 paid registrations entitles your company to one free seat to this seminar.)

May 30 (Thursday)

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Measuring Return on Investment (ROI) on Human Capital

NORMAN RAMON, Asia Pacific Leader for Employee Research and Diagnostics, Mercer HR Consulting

Organizations are now more able to manage investments in human capital in a way that can have a measurable impact on business performance. The objective is to measure and identify causal relationships in the value chain: from specific human capital choices and practices that characterize an organization, to the various consequences (positive or negative) of those choices, to business results as measured by sales, net profit, total shareholder return, etc. This talk will focus on cutting edge developments in the area of measuring the ROI of human capital practices as demonstrated by actual case studies.

SUBSIDIZED REGISTRATION

FEES: P250 (balcony), P300 (orchestra) and P350 (patron). Early bird discount of 10% for paid registration before May 13. Limited discounted balcony tickets for teachers, gov't employees (25%) & students (50%)

AUGUST: WORKING WOUNDED/ BOSS SURVIVAL GUIDE SERIES



BOB ROSNER: AUTHOR - Working Wounded: Advice That Adds Insight to Injury; The Boss's Survival Guide; SYNDICATED COLUMNIST; CREATOR of the award-winning Working Wounded web site; CONSULTANT to Fortune 500 companies

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 nn 12 Steps to Better Bossing

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The Working Wounded Survival Guide

WITH BONUS SEMINARS BY MOJE RAMOS AQUINO, PaW's Recipes for Learning Columnist, on Innovating for Leading Edge Management and Innovating for Peak Performance

Brought to you by companies who care for people at work:



EDSAMAIL

MERCER
Human Resource Consulting

CAREER SYSTEMS INC

Franklin Covey

CLCI
Center for Leadership and Change, Inc.

Adobo
Feel at home

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER JOB MARKET
Where You Find The Best

mezzanine

Equitable PCI BANK

An event organized by OPTIMUS MANAGERS & ADVISORS, INC.

TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
VENUE for all sessions: Santiago Hall, Mezzanine, Equitable PCI Bank Tower 1
Makati Ave. cor. H. V. de la Costa St., Makati City, Metro Manila.

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER, call 414-0186, 414-0587, e-mail optima@edsamail.com.ph or go to the office of **OPTIMUS MANAGERS & ADVISORS, INC.**, 2nd flr. Benjamin I Bldg., 62 Sgt. Esquerra St. cor. Mo. Ignacia Ave. (across ABS-CBN), South Triangle, Quezon City. Or visit the web site www.match.ph and click on the People at Work Live! banner ad.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002

IFC offers fund for Napocor asset buyers

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE INTERNATIONAL Finance Corp., the private investment arm of the World Bank, is keen on providing equity or financing of up to \$50 million per project to investor groups pre-selected by the government to undertake projects in the privatization of National Power Corp.

In an interview, IFC country manager Sergio Pimenta said: "We are one of the first foreign institutions that supported the independent power producers in the 1990s because we saw the catalytic effect of these projects on the country's economy. We believe that the current power reform program is a sound reform and we would like to support it by financing more projects."

Pimenta said 30 percent of IFC's portfolio—one of the biggest in Asia—is devoted to energy projects. Pimenta said IFC could take up to 25-percent equity per project or between \$20 million and \$50 million per project.

Pimenta said the IFC would zero in on three potential growth areas in the power sector—transmission and distribution, power generation (acquisition and rehabilitation of existing power plants), and rural electrification.

Energy Secretary Vincent Perez Jr. had previously announced the government's plan to sell the transmission assets of Napocor in June

or July and its generation assets late this year or in early 2003. The government has established the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Corp. (PSALM) to facilitate the sale of Napocor's assets.

He stressed that due to IFC's multilateral positions, "we can't take sides in a bidding because then we would be giving advantage."

IFC/B5

Can't use it?

We'll fix it!



CITIWORLD
BUSINESS MACHINES SERVICES CORP.

Rm. 109 David I Bldg. 567 Shaw Blvd., Mandaluyong City Tel. Nos.: 725-7031 / 724-5823 / 723-4894
Makati Office: 3A, Trans-Phil House 117 Chino Rocas Ave. Corner Bagtikan St., Makati City Tel. Nos.: 895-1435 / 896-8832

Fax machines • Computers / Monitors • Printers (Laser, Deskjet, Dot Matrix) • Key Telephone System • Answering Machines • Paper Shredders • UPS-AVRs • Typewriters and other office equipment

EPSON	PANASONIC
OKI	SHARP
SANYO	SAMSUNG
SANITEX	brother
Mitsubishi	Canon

FAX REPAIR
AS LOW AS
P300

No need to replace your faulty fax, because we can repair it back to perfection as only the Kings can.

KINGS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.

M-14 Auro-Vir Plaza, 1695 Evangelista St., Bangkok, Makati City
Tel. 894-2309 / 843-8630 / 843-8652
Rm. 201 Columbian Bldg. 180 West Ave. cor. EDSA, Quezon City
Tel. 929-2052 / 929-2054

CUT THIS AD AND AVOID A 10% DISCOUNT

We also repair Computers

PIONEER in Fax Repair Service.

Our excellence in quality fax repair service is proven. We've hit the 30,000 mark!

We also repair monitors, printers & other office equipment.

* Beware of copycats.

CANON	OKI	SHARP	RICOH
MURATA	PANASONIC	SAMSUNG	HP
NEC	SANYO	XEROX	EPSON

FIRST COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PHILS., INC.
Unit 21 Valero Plaza, 124 Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City

Tel. # 818-4501 • 819-0024 • 812-6212 • 817-9527



UNIVERSITY OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
CENTER FOR FOOD AND AGRI BUSINESS

Invites you to three seminars on food

EATING-OUT: Size, Trends, and Prospects

May 24, 2002

- Update on the Philippine food service industry; key success/coping factors and strategies; opportunities, challenges, and prospects
- Key players from five food service sub-sectors: burger, chicken, pizza, oriental houses, and the bakeshop industry.

FOOD SERVICE: Surviving in Tough Times

May 28, 2002

- Update on the Philippine food service industry; key success/coping factors and strategies; opportunities, challenges, and prospects
- Key players from five food service sub-sectors: burger, chicken, pizza, oriental houses, and the bakeshop industry.

FOOD MARKET:

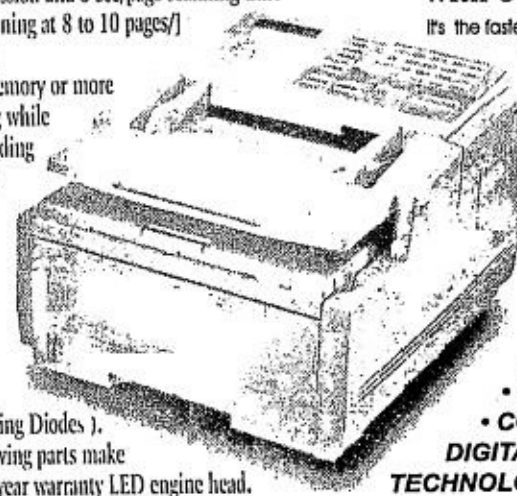
The What, Where, and Who of Major Food Categories May 29, 2002

- Results of the 2000 Family Income and Expenditure Survey
- Cereal and cereal preparation; meat and meat preparation; fish and marine products; egg and dairy products; fruits and vegetables; non-alcoholic beverages; coffee, cocoa, and tea; sauces and sugar products
- Household spending patterns
- Areas of concentration across regions and key cities
- Market segments of consuming households
- Family food spending across regions and income classes.

For more information, please contact Manny Rudio or Ancy Palma at 634-2819 / 636-7531 / 637-0912 loc. 247 or e-mail rdy@uap.edu.ph

More than OK... it's OKI.

- Super Fast 3 sec/page transmission and 3 sec/page scanning time
- High-speed printing and scanning at 8 to 10 pages/minute regardless of content
- Now has a 2 Mb standard Memory or more
- Allows dual access - scanning while receiving or printing and sending which reduces queuing at the machines
- Superior qualities like better, sharper, & surer images up to 600 dpi
- Lowest copy cost & minimal maintenance
- Has the incredible LED printin engine (Light Emitting Diodes). It's solid-system with no moving parts make it durable. Comes with a 5-year warranty LED engine head.



with 33.6K Modem!

It's the fastest modem and it comes with all OKI models such as the OKI Fax 4550, OKI Fax 5650 (shown above), and OKI Fax 5750. No need to upgrade or incur unnecessary additional cost in the future.

DIGITAL Multi-function FACSIMILE

- FAX
- PRINT
- SCAN (w/ OCR)
- COPY IN

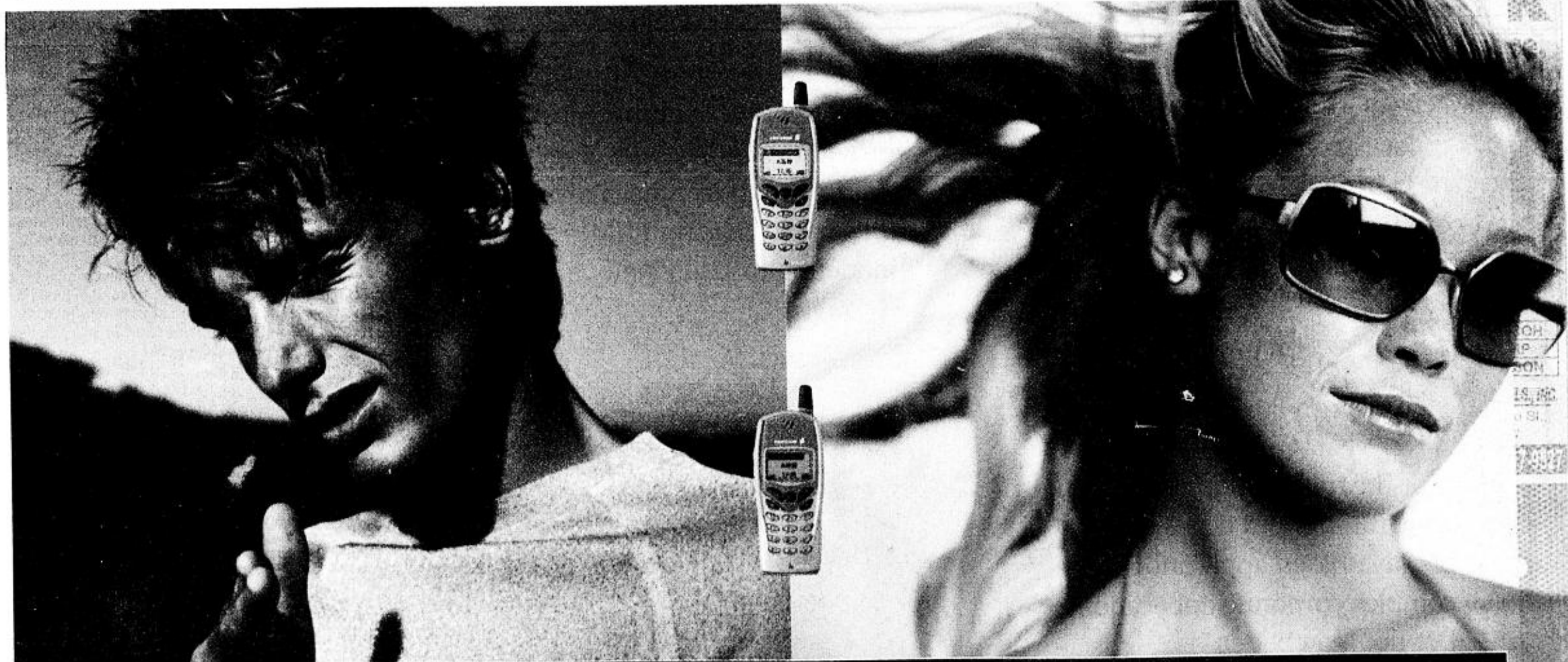
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Exclusively Distributed By:



LINK WORTH INTERNATIONAL INC.

G/F Valero Plaza, Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City Tel. Nos.: 8432070 • 817-8223 • 8164303 • 8135636 • 8126870



THE PHONE WITH EVER-CHANGING MOODS

Your Ericsson A3618 turns blue, red, green, or yellow. The display color corresponds to names listed in your book! Plus easy messaging with predictive text and large display, practical calendar and fun screensaver. The Ericsson A3618. It puts you in a better mood.



Sony Ericsson



**First Philippine
Holdings Corporation**

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

**What: ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS
MEETING**

**When: Monday, May 20, 2002
3:00 p.m.**

**Where: Meralco Theater
Meralco Compound
Ortigas Avenue, Pasig City**



MARKETING INSTITUTE OF THE PHILIPPINES
The Education and Training Arm
of the



Philippine Marketing Association, Inc.
Invites you to a seminar on

INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS (IMC)

This seminar is designed to provide marketing professionals with a sound understanding of the integrated approach to a marketing communications mix. Participants will be introduced to the role of marketing communications in strategy & planning; the importance of an effective communications mix; maximizing media and advertising for both traditional and non-traditional approaches; the effect of marketing communications towards the ultimate customer experience; ethical implications and methodology in monitoring and evaluating communications strategies.

The following speakers are: Jerry Kilatohko, Ph.D., Executive Director, Institute of Communications, University of Asia & the Pacific, Carmelita L. Lorenzo, Chief, City Trade and Industry Office, City Government of Marikina, Pinky Abellada, Vice President, Account Management, AB Communications, Rosalina Dela Paz-Magat, Senior Vice President, Development Bank of the Philippines, Dr. Felix M. Lao, Jr., Consultant, United Laboratories, 1999 Agora Awardee, PMA and Connie Cagahastian, President, Corporate Schemes & Marketing.

Schedule : May 21, 22 & 24, 2002 (Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday)
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Dusit Hotel Nikko, Makati City

Course Fee : Early Bird Rate (is up to May 15, 2002 ONLY)
PMA Member P4,700.00
Non-PMA Member P5,600.00
Regular Rate (May 16, 2002 onwards)
PMA Member P5,600.00
Non-PMA Member P6,000.00

For inquiries, please call the PMA Secretariat c/o Ms. Lira C. Ligero at
Tels: 892-3144; 892-0978; 813-0466; 893-7127; 893-6458 or Fax: 892-3261
E-mail: lrapma@edsaemail.com.ph or pma@philonline.com.ph

US warns gov't on new vehicle tax scheme

By Gil C.
Cabacungan Jr.

THE US government has cautioned the Macapagal administration against adopting a new vehicle tax system which would continue to discriminate against vehicles sold by American carmakers, specifically Ford Motor Co.

A well-placed source said the warning was

issued in a meeting last week between Department of Trade and Industry officials and US government officials led by Chiling Tong, US Department of Commerce deputy assistant secretary.

The source said the US officials would not oppose a vehicle tax system in the Philippines as long as this would not favor a select group of assemblers and set apart American carmakers.

The INQUIRER sought Tong's comments on his talks with the DTI on the excise tax issue but she declined while her American staff rudely blocked off further inquiries from this reporter.

Tong is the latest in a string of US trade officials who have visited the country to press the government on trade matters, specifically the vehicle tax issue. Last January, visiting US Department of Commerce Assistant Secretary William Lash III said the country's policy on excise taxes on vehicles "discriminates" against Ameri-

can vehicle brands.

The US trade representative, in its latest National Estimate Report on Free Trade Barriers, said: "The US government continues to monitor proposals to impose a minimum weight limit, in addition to the minimum seating requirement, for the excise tax exemption for utility vehicles. Such a weight limit would disqualify several US-made vehicles from receiving the exemption."

The USTR claimed that the current tax system—which slaps an excise tax of 15 percent for vehicles with at most 1600 cc engine up to 100 percent for vehicles with more than 3000 cc engine—"imposes a competitive disadvantage on imported vehicles with larger engine displacement."

The DTI and the Department of Finance are currently reviewing a proposal to shift the basis of excise tax on vehicles from engine displacement. The proposed tax reform has caused an obvious rift among players in the industry.

Hydro plants to back new foreign loan

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE POWER Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. said last week it was planning to "monetize" future revenues of the Agus and Pulangui hydro plants to partly cover the liabilities it assumed from National Power Corp.

"We expect about \$100 million a year from those two power plant complexes," PSALM president Edgardo del Fonso said.

Del Fonso explained that "monetizing" meant borrowing from foreign lenders using the future cash flows from the plants as collateral.

The two hydro plants in Mindanao have a combined generating capacity of 987 megawatts. The Agus plant is in Iligan City and Lanao del Sur while the Pulangui plant is in Bukidnon.

The Electric Power Industry Reform Act does not allow the privatization of the Agus and Pulangui plants before 2012.

PSALM is mandated to sell Napocor's assets and is assuming the firm's financial obligations totaling at least \$6 billion.

PSALM documents show that it will use the following to cover for these obligations:

- current revenues from Agus and Pulangui
- proceeds from the privatization of Napocor's other generating plants;
- the national government's assumption of at most P200 billion (about \$4 billion).
- refinancing from foreign lenders.

PSALM is set to absorb about P190 billion or \$3.7 billion in stranded costs from Napocor's contracts with independent power producers, which the Energy Regulatory Board approved as of end-2000.

Contracts approved after 2000, meanwhile, would cost PSALM an additional P118 billion or \$2.3 billion.

Cocktales

From page B2

Over the virulent objections of the audience, the board insisted on proceeding with an audio-visual presentation about the club's financial affairs and why it had decided to fire all the servants that the club members and their children have grown up with.

Led by ex-Foreign Secretary Roberto Romulo, the members had wanted to cut the chase and just hold a Q-&A to save time.

Failing to achieve that, Romulo and about 80 others walked out of the overheated meeting, leaving ex-Comelec Chair Christian Monsod, Iloilo Rep. Augusto Syjuco and his wife Judy, and a handful of members to stay way until midnight to go through the whole show.

Heard through the grapevine

A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW of publisher Emilio Yap surreptitiously opened her mother's safety deposit box inside an Ayala bank on Thursday despite being no longer a signatory to that account.

The pre-Mother's Day caper was pulled this way. The daughter had another safety deposit box under her name conveniently adjoining her mother's, in addition to having a spare key to her mother's safety deposit box.

Incensed at how the incident could damage the bank's conservative reputation, no less than the bank president has vowed to pursue the case even all the way to the court.

(Cocktales may be reached by e-mail at cocktales_pdi@yahoo.com or at cocktales_pdi@hotmail.com.)

Oracle9i JDeveloper \$995

"Oracle9i JDeveloper is one of the most responsive, complete and best integral Java development environments that we've seen."

eWEEK
THE ENTERPRISE NEWSWEEKLY

"For the full development, debugging, tuning, and development of...Java-based applications for complex corporate applications, I've not seen better."

JAVAPRO

"Oracle's goal is nothing less than providing the Java developer with a single soup-to-nuts environment for everything from UML modeling to J2EE deployment."

software
development

"JDeveloper is a clear winner."

**XML
& WEB SERVICES**
MAGAZINE

**If you want the best Java integrated development environment,
you have to be willing to spend less.
(Or download for free, but don't tell anybody.)**

ORACLE

**oracle.com/ad/jdev995
or call 1800-144-10059**

IFC offers fund for Napocor . . .

From page B3

This is why IFC has an open-door policy on all investors pre-selected by Napocor to bid for the multibillion-peso transmission and power generation facilities and franchise areas. "We might be tapped as financier by more than one bidder

in an auction. But we can only come into a project when we believe that a partner is serious, strongly committed, and strong enough to do it." Pimental said the IFC could also choose to wait for the winners of a bidding and offer to finance their projects at preferred rates.

WHAT AN INVESTMENT MANAGER CAN DO FOR YOU

Many people have tried investing by themselves. They have relied on information from the newspapers, friends, relatives, internet, books, and to some extent, software programs. Once they have made a choice as to where to place their money, these people spend a great deal of time trying to keep track of their investments. However, not everyone has the luxury of time to sift through all these information and monitor their investments daily, especially those who are preoccupied with personal and business matters.

Learning the ropes in investing is quite tedious. It requires skill and expertise in formulating one's investment goals, selecting the right mixture of instruments, and choosing the type of securities to buy. Meeting your financial goals is largely influenced not only by the size of your planned investment but also by the frequency of additional investments, timing, choice of asset class and the length of time

you plan to stay invested. In short, it takes a lot of time, a relatively high level of knowledge, sufficient exposure to the financial markets and technical expertise to be successful in making and carrying out a good investment plan.

If you don't have the time and patience to manage your assets, but still want to meet your financial goals, then an INVESTMENT MANAGER might just be the solution to your problem. An investment manager is a full-time professional tasked to manage your money according to your objectives, time horizon and risk tolerance.

Now, just what can an investment manager do for you?

- An investment manager has access to timely and valuable market information, and interprets how changes in financial and economic conditions can affect your investments.
- An investment manager makes

investing convenient. He frees you from intricate paperwork, relieves you of the responsibility of monitoring your investments in stocks, bonds and other instruments, and makes timely investment decisions for you.

- An investment manager comes up with a mixture of investments customized to meet your long-term financial goals. He prudently allocates and diversifies your investments to match your risk/return profile.

However, the services of an independent and full-time investment manager are expensive. Hence, in the Philippines, professional investment management services are often limited to large-scale investors and corporations.

An option that a neophyte or busy investor may consider is mutual funds, such as the Sun Life Prosperity Funds. In a mutual fund, your investment along with the investment of

others are pooled together and invested in a diversified portfolio of securities to maximize the potential returns of your money.

For a minimum investment of P10,000, you already get to own a broad spectrum of investment instruments that would have otherwise been expensive to purchase and tedious to manage on your own. What's more, you obtain the services of a team of professional investment managers, most of whom are Chartered Financial Analysts, who will handle the day to day affairs of your investment. They have the research capabilities, skills, knowledge and commitment to manage the assets of the funds and maximize the potential returns on your investment.

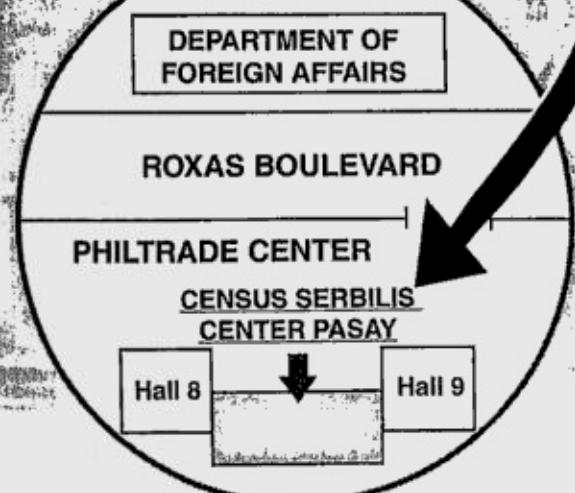
So if you are looking for an affordable and easy gateway in the world of income-generating securities, call the experts of Sun Life Prosperity Funds at 849-9999.

Handa na rin namin kayong pagsilbihan sa ...

Census Serbilis Center Pasay City

Bukas na upang magserbisyo sa inyo para sa pagkuha ng kopyang mga birth, marriage at death certificates.

Tayo na sa
Serbilis Center
- Pasay!



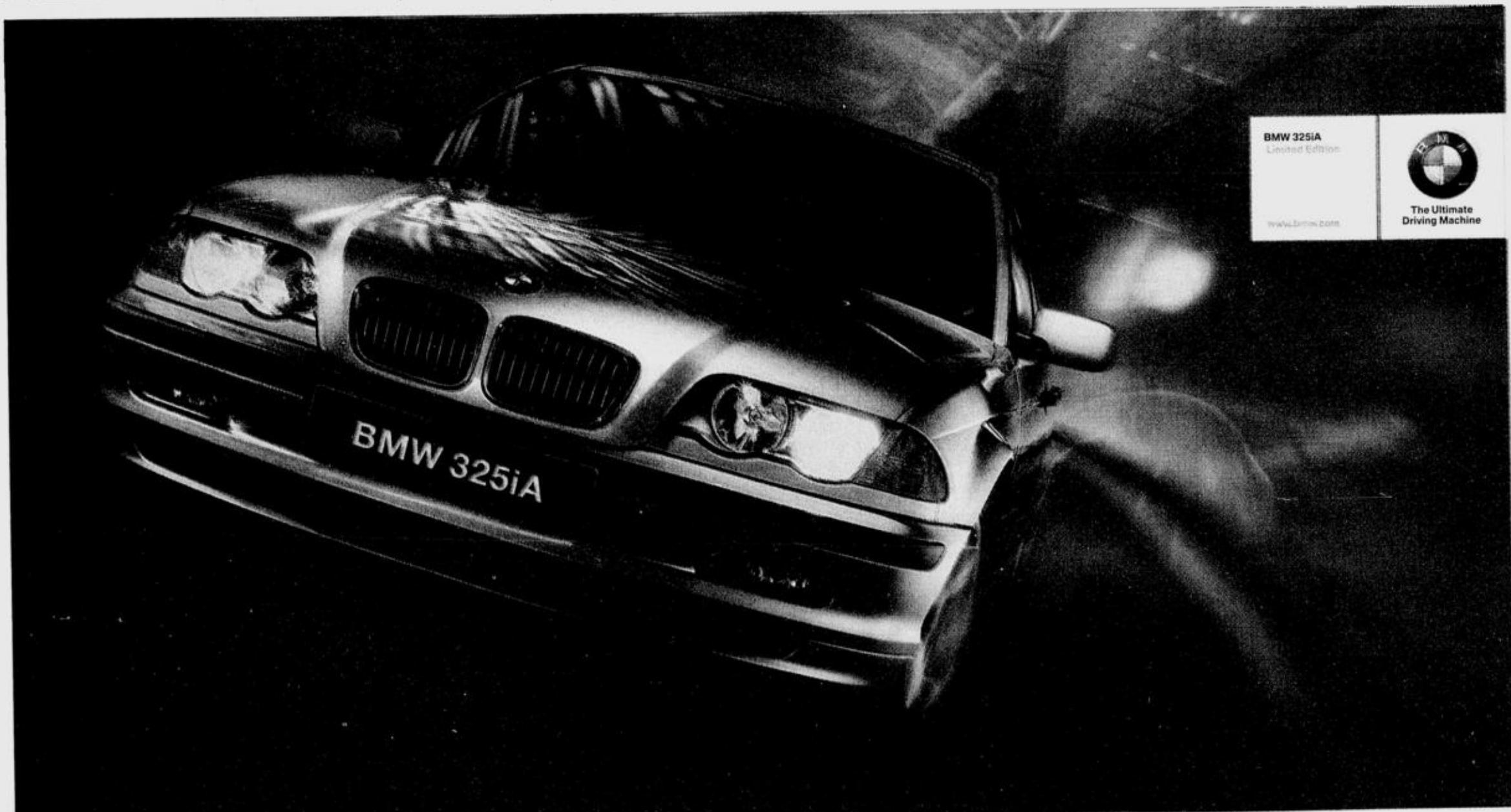
Matatagpuan sa gitna ng Hall 8 at 9, Philtrade Center
(Sa tapat ng Department of Foreign Affairs Building)
Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City

IBA PANG MGA CENSUS SERBILIS CENTERS:

Caloocan City
Caloocan City Hall
(Across the MTC)
Mabini St., Caloocan City
East Avenue
East Avenue, Quezon City
Makati City
3/F New Building
Makati City Hall
J.P. Rizal St.,
Makati City
Muntinlupa City
G/F Annex Bldg.
Muntinlupa City Hall
Putatan, Muntinlupa City

Pasig City
G/F Pasig City Hall, Pasig City
San Fernando, La Union (May 16)
3/F Florentino Bldg., Gen. Luna St.
San Fernando, La Union
San Fernando, Pampanga
2/F A&A Bldg., Km 73
MacArthur Highway
Maimpis, SF, Pampanga
Cebu City
Capurao Bldg., Sanciango St.
Cebu City
Iloilo City
G/F Villanueva Bldg.
J.M. Basa corner Rizal Sts.
Iloilo City
Cagayan de Oro City
3/F Lantoria Bldg.
#77 Julio Pacana St.
Cagayan de Oro City
Davao City
2/F Mintrade Bldg.
F. Bangoy cor. Monteverde Sts.
Davao City

THE NSO-CRS PROJECT IS A PARTNERSHIP OF
National Statistics Office and UNISYS



For those who appreciate the exceptional.

The BMW 325iA Limited Edition.

Introducing, the BMW 325iA Limited Edition. The best Sport Saloon is now sportier than ever. Inside the compartment, experience the feel and see the texture of the aluminum black cube strips, coupled with the new black multi-function steering wheel and leather shift knob. On the exterior, special 17-inch alloy wheels, rear tailpipe cutter and trunk spoiler add to the overall distinct finish. This unmatched value awaits a discerning few. Visit any authorized BMW dealer for full appreciation of the exceptional.



Authorized BMW Dealers:
Prestige Cars Makati, Inc.
2324 Pasong Tamo Extension Makati City
Tel. Nos. 892-81-27 to 29 • 817-80-49
Fax 816-73-25

PGA Cars, Inc.
201 EDSA Mandaluyong City
Tel. Nos. 724-09-04 • 727-03-86 • 727-03-81 to 85 • 727-03-86 to 89
Fax 727-03-80

Prestige Cars, Inc.
184-A E. Rodriguez Ave., Libis, Quezon City
Tel. Nos. 638-07-34 to 43 • 438-04-22
Fax 438-04-19

Wheels, Inc.
222 E. Rodriguez Sr. Ave. Quezon City
Tel. Nos. 721-84-77 • 721-84-39 • 411-35-80
Fax 727-03-37

Mayhem on Wall Street

STARBUCKS has invited Coffee Anan, UN secretary general, to join the board, but he expended so much effort trying to broker a peace deal in the Middle East, that he has become decaffeinated. Before that, he was full of beans.

When Erap had cataracts, he went to his eye doctor. "Have you seen an ophthalmologist?" asked the physician. "No, just spots," replied Erap. Eventually, he was persuaded to undergo laser surgery. He went in with a misty optic, but came out optimistic.

Jinggoy has problems with a bleeding rectum, which probably indicates that the market is near the bottom. His proctologist examined him using two fingers. When asked why, the doctor replied, "In case you need a second opinion." To add insult to injury, there was a notice in the clinic which said, "Mistakes cannot be rectified."

Another politician who wishes to remain anonymous has been fighting a losing battle with dandruff. In despair, his wife went to her doctor who told her to give him Head and Shoulders. The following week, the wife returned smiling. "How is your husband?" the doctor inquired. "Oh, he's fine, but how do you give shoulders?"

Mad cow disease broke out in Japan last year and has now appeared in Poland. How can this be? The two countries are poles apart.

MR. BEARBULL



Ron Nathan

Last week, I promised to write about candlesticks, which is the chart system favored by the Japanese who invented it in 1880. It is easily derived from bar charts so long as they have the opening price as well as the close. You simply draw a small horizontal line across the open and close, unless they are the same, then draw vertical lines at each end to close the figures. If the stock closes higher than the previous day, the figure, which is usually a rectangle, but may occasionally be a square, is left empty. If the stock closes lower, it is filled in, usually in black.

Unless you are extremely neat, hand-drawn candlesticks can look really messy, so they are best done on a computer. I use Technistock as I bought the software when it first started, but as I like colors, I use blue for up, red for down. There is no doubt that candlesticks add an extra dimension to charts. At a glance, you can see the high, low, open and close, all in pictorial form, so you know immediately how the stock has performed intra-day.

You can obtain it from bar charts but it is less visual; you cannot get it from line charts or Point and Figure. I do not propose to discuss all the possible patterns because most readers do not have the software and will simply turn to the sports page. But for those who do, go to the Internet and use the keyword candlestick charts. If you just type candlesticks, you will get a variety of religious sites. I remember typing Point and Figure in the search engine. I got some chart sites, but mostly girls with pointed breasts and beautiful figures.

One problem with candlesticks is that there are too many reversal signals, and if you follow them all, you will be whipsawed far too often. To get a better result, combine the candlestick chart with a stochastic, and only trade when the stochastic is overbought and turning down, or oversold and turning up. This is known as filtered candlesticks, and if used as suggested, should prove profitable. It is one of my indicators. I use several, and

employ variable parameters for different types of market.

I am about to speed up my indicators so as to make them more responsive. Then I can use them more quickly for trading as I am shifting from bearish to neutral. I will be using this more aggressive stance, starting next week, so hopefully, there will be more BUY and SELL signals in my daily newsletter.

I cannot resist talking about Wall Street, as I follow this market very closely, and it is the undoubted leader. For the past month, the DOW has developed DOWN syndrome and the Nasdaq fell 11 percent. Traders were so depressed that in the evening, the floor was littered with empty containers of Prozac and Viagra. When the market is down, everything is down. Companies that missed analysts' targets, or were unable to predict next quarter's earnings, were severely marked down, sometimes by 40 percent. Peregrine, which had accounting problems, was battered 60 percent.

Then, on Wednesday, CISCO reported slightly better-than-expected results and the market went berserk. Instantly, manic depression turned into euphoria, and Prozac was replaced by Valium. The DOW rose 305 points and the more volatile Nasdaq shot up an incredible 7.5 percent. This is equivalent to a 100-point rise in the Phisix.

The news that a tech stock saw a glimmer of hope sent investors buying not only the tech sector, but also hamburgers, clothes, toys, waste disposal, drugs, anything they could think of. Of course, the market was horrendously oversold so everyone jumped on the bandwagon at the same time. Sanity returned on Thursday and there was some profit-taking. Never a dull moment over here. I wish our market would get a shot of adrenaline.

I would like to correct the impression that the peso is appreciating against the dollar. The truth is that, with the US market falling, the dollar was depreciating against all major currencies. It lost about 5 percent against the yen, euro and the pound, but only 2 percent against the peso. Five years ago, the baht was 25 and the peso 26. Now the baht is under 43 and the peso almost 50. So the peso remains a weak currency, relatively speaking.

Speaking of relatives, I went to lunch with a neurologist and he ordered a seizure salad. (You can reach me, mrbearbull@hotmail.com.)

Itogon-Suyoc urges court to dismiss Coyiuto petition

By Doris C. Dumlaog

ITOGON-SUYOC Mines Inc. (Ismi) has asked the Court of Appeals to dismiss for lack of merit the petition of stockbroker Roberto Cuyiuto Jr. to nullify the dormant mining firm's exemption from the listing rules of the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Ismi, which is chaired by former trade minister Roberto Ongpin, cited in a 12-page petition filed on May 8 three reasons why the court should not stop the PSE from executing the exemption order from the Securities and Exchange Commission.

It alleged that: Cuyiuto does not have any standing to file this action for and on behalf of the respondent PSE;

• The order dated March 25, 2002, of the SEC has become final and executory due to the PSE's failure to appeal the same within the 15-day period allowed by law; and

• The action has become moot because the PSE, in the exercise of its business judgment, has resolved to accept and comply with the SEC order.

The SEC directive overruled the earlier decision of the PSE board to disallow the listing of additional shares of Ismi, which sold a 40-percent stake to Ongpin's technology holding firm Philweb.com. The SEC argued that the bourse had "exceeded its discretion" by refusing to grant cash-strapped Ismi exemption from a requirement to undertake a stock rights offering prior to the sale of shares to a new investor.

The PSE, under the previous board led by chair Felipe Yap, blocked the listing of the shares because the price discount was beyond the 10-percent margin against average market price prescribed by its listing rules, which were intended to protect the rights of minority shareholders from unfair dilution.

Ismi said Cuyiuto had not complied with the prerequisites of a derivative or representative suit as he had failed to exhaust intra-corporate remedies, citing the PSE director's non-attendance at the board meeting when the matter was discussed.

A derivative suit means that the cause of action devolves on the corporation, the wrongdoing or harm having been, or being caused to the corporation and not to the particular stockholder bringing the suit.

Even assuming that he had exhausted such means, the Ismi petition said, "there was no cause of action to speak of." It said the decision of the board of directors (under the new PSE chair Vivian Yuchengco) was "an exercise of business judgment which, under ordinary circumstances, no court should interfere with."

Even assuming that Cuyiuto had the legal standing to file a derivative suit, the petition said the PSE board had already decided to comply with the SEC order, thus rendering the petition academic.

"It cannot be overemphasized that the petition filed by Mr. Cuyiuto is bereft of any allegation of bad faith, fraud or illegality on the part of the PSE board in deciding not to appeal the SEC order. Thus, such resolution by the PSE board is valid and binding upon the corporation, as well as its stockholders, including Mr. Cuyiuto himself," the petition said.

Cautious trade seen

From page B1

Private fund manager Eric Claudio of Macar Investments agreed that there was nothing much to expect from the market this week.

"I expect dips in value turnover as investors focus on the US markets, which are becoming volatile again," Claudio said. "The more volatile the US markets are, the less interest there is on emerging markets like the Philippines."

The volatility of the peso-dollar exchange rate, Claudio said, could also be another source of uncertainty in the market.

"At first glance, it would seem like the peso appreciation is positive because your stocks become more valuable against the dollar, but a volatile exchange rate actually brings uncertainties to our exports as most of our exporters do not have much hedging capabilities," Claudio said.

But some recent positive developments should benefit certain sectors, Claudio said. For instance, he said the rise in car sales for April should bode well for banks with a wide consumer-based portfolio.

Claudio said the next support level for the Phisix was at 1,330 to 1,340 but noted that the market would have to see more positive news to avoid a downward breakout into the 1,200 level.

Doris C. Dumlaog

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCKS	(As of Friday, May 10, 2002)					VOLUME
	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE		
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES						
BANKS						
Bank of the Phil. Islands	69.5	69.5	68.5	68.5	815,600	
Citystate Savings Bank	14	14	14	14	8,000	
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	37	37.5	36.5	36.5	93,200	
First E-Bank Corp.	1.8	2.14	1.6	2.06	1,697,000	
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	40	40	39	40	98,500	
Phil. Bank of Comm.	80	80	80	80	1,000	
Philippine National Bank	48	48	44	44	42,700	
Phil. Savings Bank	27.5	28	27.5	28	7,800	
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	12	12	12	12	9,400	
Security Bank Corp.	17	17	16.5	16.5	109,100	
Union Bank of the Phil.	22.25	22.5	22.25	22.5	76,300	

FINANCIAL SERVICE						
Bankard Inc.	1.36	1.36	1.34	1.36	106,000	
Manulife Financial Corp.	1450	1450	1450	1450	1,080	
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	80,000	
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1070	1070	1070	1070	40	

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	30.5	31	30.5	31	28,400
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	630,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	650	600	650	655	22,300
Infotel Info and Tech Inc.	0.039	0.039	0.039	0.039	2,400,000
Philat	0.43	0.45	0.43	0.44	4,930,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	457.5	457.5	455	455	120,420
Smart Telecom Inc.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	100,000
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.018	0.018	0.017	0.017	63,200,000

POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	25	25.5	25	25	32,500
Manila Electric Co. B	39	39	39	39	728,300
Petron Corp.	1.7	1.7	1.66	1.68	4,919,000
Salcon Power Corp.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	80,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	430,000

Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	430,00
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	2.9	2.9	2.85	2.85	1,197.00
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.36	0.42	0.36	0.42	990.00
William, Gothong & Aboltiz	1.92	1.92	1.92	1.92	25.00

CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.44	10,00
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					

ALASKA MILK CORP.	2.08	2.08	2.08	2.08	30,000
Alaska Milk Corp.	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	21,000
Calmar Foods Corp.	13.75	14	13.75	13.75	696,300
La Tondela Distillers Inc.	34	35.5	34	35.5	13,795,800
RFM Corp.	1.32	1.34	1.32	1.32	278,000
San Miguel Corp. A	49	49.5	48.5	49.5	50,800
San Miguel Corp. B	57	57.5	56.5	57.5	64,800

San Miguel Corp. B	57	57.5	57.5	57.5	5,152,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	5.9	6	5.9	5.9	11,482,000

Abolitz Equity Ventures	2.18	2.2	2.18	2.2	363,00
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.27	0.27	6,080,00
A. Soriano Corp.	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	20,00

A. Sotano Corp.	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	2,000,000
APC Group Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.09	0.09	1,000,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.009	0.009	0.009	0.009	100,000

Anglo Phil. Holdings Corp.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	100,00
ATN Holdings Inc.	3.05	3.35	3.05	3.35	117,00
ATN Holdings Inc. B	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	10,00

Balabac Resources & Hldgs.	0.14	0.14	0.105	0.105	200.00
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.59	560.00
Southwest Asia Cement	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	200.00

DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	120,000
Ebacom Holdings Inc.	7.1	7.2	7.1	7.2	10,000

Fillinvest Dev. Corp.	1.5	1.5	1.48	1.5	1,359,000
First Phil Hldgs. Corp.	26.5	27	26.5	26.5	213,000
Ionics Inc.	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	43,000

CURRENCIES

May 10, 2002	Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US\$	Foreign currency in Peso
	United States	Dollar	1.099022	1.000000	49.9000
	Japan	Yen	0.008568	0.007796	0.3890
	United Kingdom	Pound	1.605121	1.460500	72.8790
	Hong Kong	Dollar	0.140920	0.128223	6.3983
	Switzerland	Franc	0.687878	0.625900	31.2324
	Canada	Dollar	0.702071	0.638814	31.8768
	Singapore	Dollar	0.607732	0.552935	27.5935
	Australia	Dollar	0.595353	0.541712	27.0314
	Bahrain	Dinar	2.915332	2.652661	132.3678
	Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.293073	0.266667	13.3067
	Brunei	Dollar	0.605689	0.551116	27.5007
	Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000119	0.000108	0.0054
	Thailand	Baht	0.025618	0.023310	1.1632
	UAE	Dirham	0.299233	0.272272	13.5864
	Korea	Won	0.000864	0.000786	0.0392
	Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.909900	45.4040
	Brazil	Real	0.455709	0.427000	20.3093
	Denmark	Kroner	0.134481	0.122239	6.0997
	India	Rupee	0.022612	0.020454	1.0207
	Malaysia	Ringgit	0.290853	0.263158	13.1316
	Mexico	New Peso	0.117389	0.105597	5.2693
	New Zealand	Dollar	0.495203	0.450593	22.4846
	Norway	Kroner	0.132036	0.120282	6.0021
	Pakistan	Rupee	0.018448	0.016694	0.8330
	South Africa	Rand	0.107670	0.096852	4.8329
	Sweden	Kroner	0.107556	0.097616	4.8710
	Syria	Pound	0.025115	0.022727	1.1341
	Taiwan	NT Dollar	0.032041	0.028977	1.4460
	Venezuela	Bolivar	0.001182	0.001064	0.0531

PLDT can pay \$1.3B in maturing debts—DBS Vickers

By Abigail L. Ho

PHILIPPINE Long Distance Telephone Co. can pay its maturing obligations amounting to more than \$1.3 billion without letting go of even part of its profitable subsidiary Smart Communications Inc., DBS Vickers Securities said.

In a report, DBS Vickers Securities said PLDT's expected net income of P1.3 billion for the quarter, which is more than double its profits in the same period last year, and the proceeds from the company's fund-raising activities, would already cover 90 percent of the maturing loans.

PLDT's recently concluded \$350-million global bond issue was warmly received by international investors, resulting in the over subscription of both the five- and 10-year notes.

"PLDT's bond issue drew strong interest from foreign investors. Spreads, which was 630 basis points over (US) treasury rates when it was launched, continue to tighten," DBSV said in its May report.

On top of the bond issue, it also signed a \$149-million refinancing deal with German development bank Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau in January and an \$80-million loan facility with the

Japan Bank for International Cooperation.

DBSV said the balance of \$70 million could be easily financed through loans from other bank creditors.

Because of this, PLDT may opt to hold on to its 100-percent stake in Smart.

SUBWAY
eat fresh.

THE WORLD'S #1 SANDWICH CHAIN

- More than 16,000 stores open in 78 countries
- Voted as the #1 Franchise by Entrepreneur Magazine
- Low investment
- Simple Operation

WANT TO OWN THE #1 FRANCHISE NOW?

Please contact us for more details

Telephone No: 753-1000

E-mail: tiffany@unet.net.ph

We conduct one on one weekly franchise seminar

**NEED
A
POS?**

Look No
Further!

Come & see the
latest in
Food and Hospitality
Products & Solutions.
Visit Us Today.

Alkara
EQUITY OF SALE SYSTEM
OPEN SYSTEMS
WEB LEADING
WIRELESS CAPABILITIES
CUSTOMERS CHOICE OF HARDWARE

- TABLE SERVICE or QUICK SERVICE
- GOLF & CLUB MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
- e-fridge IN-ROOM MINI BAR SYSTEM
- HOT BEVERAGE SYSTEM
- AIR & WATER PURIFYING SYSTEM

YOUR CUSTOMERS ARE YOUR LIFELINE.

**CONNECTING
THE FUTURE**

MAY 15, 2002
1PM - 8PM

**BALLROOM
NEW WORLD
RENAISSANCE HOTEL
MAKATI CITY**



IBM COMPAQ EPSON Bartech PARTNER MONODOR

**V-Tech
PACIFIC**
REDEFINING POS SOLUTIONS

Organized by:
V-TECH PACIFIC PHILS., INC.
For more information, please call:
Tel. Number 890-7702 to 07 or
send email to: pos@vtp.com.ph

CONCEPT SPECIALIST, INC.

**Now, only P=399K
puts you into
big league
sign making**



Hi-Fi JET FJ-52

Serious Signs need

Roland

The most reliable name in signmaking

You'll find more Roland sign making machines in more professional sign shops around the world than any other brand. Why? Because they are precise, fast, reliable, easy to use and produce true photo quality color. Why again? Because the ROI is also very fast. And now, at only P399,000, you've got even more reason to join the big leagues with the Roland FJ52.

Here's our Big League Package

Low Production Cost Guaranteed

- Handles media up to 52" wide – so you can make signs of virtually unlimited size
- Uses both fade resistant pigment inks AND dye-based vivid color inks – so you get the best of both worlds.
- 1440 x 720 dpi – so you can achieve photorealistic reproduction
- 6 color technology – so you can expand the color gamut with CMYK, plus orange and green or CMYK, plus light cyan and light magenta for smooth skin tones and gradations
- PANTONE® – certified color, so you can match any spot color with 97% accuracy!
- Adobe® PostScript® 3™ compatible RIP – so you can work reliably and fast with a wide variety of software applications.

Using our PanChrome™ inks, Hi-Fi JET produces true excellence at lowest cost of any wide format inkjet printer. We guarantee it.

Ability to print on a wide range of media can lower costs even further.

Handle any project with total confidence. Profit assured.

Or, Print and Cut at only P50,000 more

CammJET CJ500 matches Hi-Fi JET performance and contour cuts, as well. Even after lamination. A superb signmaker!

Exclusive Distributor

Tgraf
Total Graphic Solutions

Tel: 723-0601 • 725-5223
727-7232 • 727-3970
FAX: 723-7951
url: tgraf.com.ph
e-mail: inquire@tgraf.com.ph

Inventory Sale!

Over-stocked items on sale! Up to 50% OFF! On selected items!

Desktops can be portable.
Notebooks can be affordable.

ECS Desknote A901
Intel Celeron 1.1GHz Processor
128MB SDRAM (Upgradable to 512MB)
1.44MB Floppy Drive (External, USB)
Integrated 3D Video Card
14.1" XGA TFT LCD Screen
10 GB Ultra DMA100 Hard Drive
24X CD-ROM Drive
AC '97 3D Audio Card
56K Internal Modem
10/100Mbps LAN
TouchPad (2 click buttons)
4 USB, 1 Serial, 1 Parallel, 1 IrDA Port
1VGA, 1 S-Video
320 x 265 x 39 (WxDxH, mm)
Less than 6lbs.



Only The Best Desktop
Replacement Solution can
answer all these problems!

Introductory Price
Php 43,000.00

Compact, Elegant and Efficient to Match Your Business Style

The VPL-CM4 and VPL-CS4 are the latest additions to the ranks of high-quality Sony projectors, and are ideal for handling presentations when you are always on the move. Compact and light enough to be easily carried, yet with the assurance of images that are bright (1000 ANSI lumens) and clear, either of these projectors is an excellent choice. The VPL-CM4 provides XGA resolution and a full range of functions, while the VPL-CS4 is the SVGA model that is appropriate in less demanding applications.

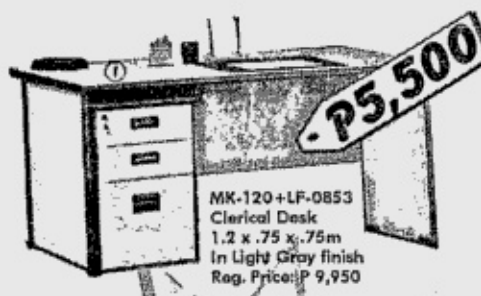


SONY
VPL-CM4 LCD Projector
Php 120,000.00

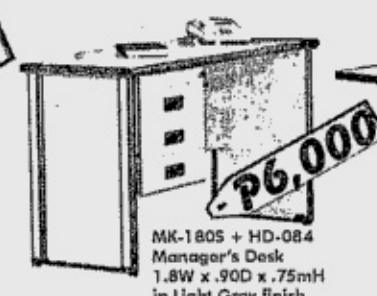
All other models of Sony Projector are also available. (Product Demonstration upon request)

TQM
TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT
engine your business

Head Office: G/F #704 Pablo Dapao Sr. St. (Formerly Vito Cruz), Malate, Manila, Philippines 1004
Tel: (632) 526-4503 / 400-2386 to 10 / Fax: (632) 526-3241 / e-mail: sales@tqm.com.ph
Tendering Sales Office: G/F #888A/CDO Bldg. 308 Tendering South St. Quezon City, Philippines
Tel: (632) 938-4626 / 426-8626 / Telefax: (632) 938-4671 / e-mail: td@tqm.com.ph
<http://www.tqm.com.ph> / Nextel: (0979) 774-5718



MK-120+LF-0853
Clerical Desk
1.2 x .75 x .75m
In Light Gray finish
Reg. Price: P 9,950



MK-1805 + HD-084
Manager's Desk
1.8W x .90D x .75mH
In Light Gray finish
Reg. Price: P 10,200.00



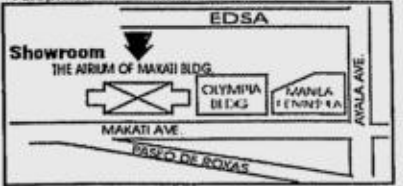
MR-035
Conference Table
2.0W x 1.1D x .75mH
Reg. Price:
P 8,350 - Light Gray
P 9,100 - Golden Beach



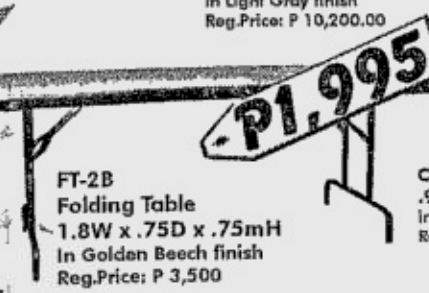
GT
Clerical Chair
In Mocha & Light Blue
Reg. Price: P 1,300.00

**SALE RUNS FROM
MAY 13 - 31, 2002
VISIT OUR SHOWROOM
FOR MORE ITEMS!**

**SCANDIA
DESIGNS, INC.**
YOUR OFFICE ENVIRONMENT SPECIALIST
Showroom at the Grnd. Floor of the Atrium of
Makati Building, Makati Ave., Makati City
Telephone #'s: 811-44-71 & 72



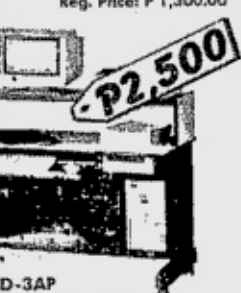
*PLUS DELIVERY CHARGES
PER DTI-NVR PERMIT # A-273, SERIES OF 2002



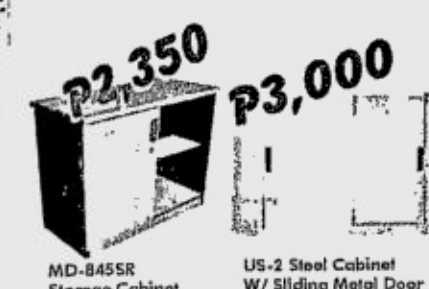
FT-2B
Folding Table
1.8W x .75D x .75mH
In Golden Beech finish
Reg. Price: P 3,500



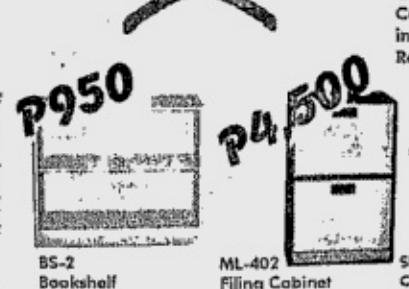
CT-9090 Cafe Table
.9W x .9D x .75mH
In Golden Beech finish
Reg. Price: P 6,000



CD-3AP
Computer Table
In Light Gray finish
Reg. Price: P 4,850



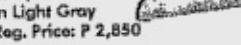
MD-845SR
Storage Cabinet
In Light Gray finish
Reg. Price: P 4,300



US-2 Steel Cabinet
W/ Sliding Metal Door
In Black Finish
Reg. Price: P 9,450



BS-2
Bookshelf
Golden Beach finish
Reg. Price: P 1,550



ML-402
Filing Cabinet
In Full Teak finish
Reg. Price: P 7,000



SDI-CD1
Computer Table
In Light Gray
Reg. Price: P 2,850

One Size Fits All

E-mail Server Web Server

DNS Server



Proxy Server

VPN Server

RADIUS Server

Firewall Server

DHCP Server

Security Server

License Server

FUJITSU

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE INFINITE

Diverse Applications on Fujitsu Primergy Thin Servers

Tel. No.: 812-4001
E-mail: server@fujitsu.com.ph
URL: www.fujitsu.com.ph

To fly or not to fly? Emirates seeks answers

Despite promises of more trade, more jobs and more tourists, still no extra flights

By Corrie S. Narisma

EMIRATES Airline is convinced that there are enough "compelling" reasons for it to increase its existing six per week flights between Dubai and Manila and for the Philippines to allow it.

Trade, employment and tourism opportunities for the Philippines and an unhampered flow of manpower supply and additional business for the United Arab Emirates, particularly for Dubai, were among those cited.

"It will be beneficial to both countries," says Emirates group chief director for airline Tim C. Clark.

That was why Emirates officials got so disappointed when the airline's attempts to seek additional flight allotment for the Dubai-Manila-Dubai route seemed to be going nowhere. Being so used to Dubai's open skies policy, they just couldn't figure out why the Philippines' air service policy had to be too restrictive.

Early this year, the Civil Aeronautics Board announced it would start negotiations with the UAE for an air service agreement.

Negotiations were scheduled for April 28 to 29 but shortly before the appointed date, the CAB canceled the talks, saying "unforeseen circumstances made them (the CAB) unable to study its (Emirates) position." No new schedule was given.

"We had asked for this meeting (negotiations) for such a long time. After several years, it was finally set for April 28 to 29 only to be

called off less than a week from that day," said Dubai Civil Aviation director for operations Mohammad Ahli in a statement.

In the following exchanges of communications, the UAE was offered an interim arrangement that would provide Emirates four additional flights that could be started "immediately." The catch is that the arrangement is good for only 30 days "potentially" renewable after every 30-day term. The UAE and Emirates didn't like it.

Dubai's national carrier wants four additional flights for this route but while the air service agreement is not yet in place, it is willing to settle with an interim agreement.

The agreement, however, should provide some degree of certainty, considering the efforts and investments such a move will entail, Clark said in an interview in Dubai.

"There's the aircraft that will be used, which will cost \$150 million, and the crew who will be assigned for the additional flights. What if they suddenly ask us to pull out after a short while?"

"We want an element of certainty, so we can plan accordingly," he added.

Tony M. Tayeh, Emirates' head of planning, international and industry affairs, said an interim arrangement should be enforced until negotiations for the new air pact were completed.

Code sharing

Emirates started flying to Manila twice weekly in June 1990. It increased its Manila

GROWTH OF TRAFFIC AND EMIRATES FLIGHTS

Dubai-Manila-Dubai	
Passenger Traffic* in 1992	55,647
Passenger Traffic in 2001	152,286
Passenger Traffic Growth 1992-01	174%
Cargo Traffic* in 1992	2,395 tons
Cargo Traffic in 2001	5,058 tons
Cargo Traffic Growth 1992-01	111%
Emirates' weekly flights in 1992	6
Emirates' weekly flights in 2001**	6
Emirates' Weekly Flights Growth 1992-01	0

* All Airlines i.e. Emirates and Philippine Airlines
** Inclusive of Philippine Airlines' unused entitlements (three weekly flights)
Note: PA discontinued operations between Dubai and Manila April 1998
SOURCE: DUBAI AIRPORT TRAFFIC DATA

weekly flights to six in July 1991, but this was reduced later to three (Philippine Airline's flights to this route were also cut from six to three). In 1998, PAL stopped servicing the Manila-Dubai route.

Emirates officials said the UAE tried working out an air service deal during those years but that did not materialize as the Philippine government took a stand to "protect" PAL.

With no other recourse left to increase its allotment, Emirates entered into a code-sharing arrangement with PAL. Under the arrangement that started in 1998, PAL lets Emirates use its three flights, which brought back the number of its Dubai-Manila-Dubai flights to six. Emirates, in exchange, allots 25 seats per flight to PAL. In addition, Emirates

officials say the Dubai national carrier pays PAL a royalty that amounts to about \$1 million a year.

This code-sharing arrangement led many to suspect that PAL had a hand in blocking the negotiations for an RP-UAE air service agreement. With a bilateral deal that will provide Emirates enough flights of its own, PAL stands to lose whatever it is getting from the code-sharing arrangement.

Clark admits that given the right number of flights, Emirates may no longer need the code-sharing scheme, "but that may be negotiable."

PAL spokesperson Rolando Estabillo said the country's flag carrier had nothing to do with the postponement of the RP-UAE talks. All it did was submit its comments stating that there were enough flights to service that route, he said.

"As an airline company here, we are asked to comment on the applications of other carriers for increases in flights. We did submit our comments but that's all. It is now up to the CAB to evaluate everything and decide on the Emirates' application," Estabillo said.

Opportunities

Emirates said there has been no increase in the number of its Dubai-Manila-Dubai flights in the last 11 years. This despite the rapid growth in both passenger and cargo traffic in this route.

Statistics provided by the airline showed that passenger traffic in 1992 between Dubai and Manila was only 55,647. In 2001, passenger traffic rose 174 percent to 152,286. Cargo traffic in 1992 was 2,395 tons, rising by 111 percent to 5,058 tons last year.

Emirates director for cargo Ram Menen said the airline had to turn down 25 to 35 tons of cargoes from Dubai per week due to lack of capacity. Also, some 15 to 20 tons of cargoes coming from Manila had to be turned away for the same reason.

Cargoes going to Manila are composed of various personal stuffs sent by mostly Dubai-based overseas Filipino workers. Filipinos in this emirate send an average of 30 kilos of personal effects to their families in the Philippines. Cargoes coming from Manila are mostly garments, micro chips, seafood and fruits exports.

"Between us (Dubai and Manila), we need more frequencies, more freedom. You see, demand (for air services) by Filipino workers alone is already high," said Ahli.

Dubai is an exploding metropolis, Clark said. "What you see now is only 10 percent of what you'll see in 10 years (when many of the on-going infrastructure development programs are expected to be completed)."

The UAE is, at present, the fourth top employer of overseas Filipino workers. There are about 150,000 Filipinos in the UAE, mostly in Dubai, who remitted about \$270 million to the Philippines in 2000 alone.

The number is expected to continue growing particularly with the ongoing aggressive infrastructure development program in Dubai both in the areas of tourism and business. Data provided by Emirates showed that Dubai would need additional 30,000 workers in the next three years for these projects.

"A city is being constructed. Abu Dhabi is expanding too and there aren't enough indigenous workers here to supply our needs," Clark said.

Emirates data also showed that tourist traffic between the UAE and the Far East, particularly Singapore, Thailand and Hong Kong, was estimated at 250,000. Of the total, only 6,000 go to the Philippines, and this was because the flights were inadequate to accommodate more tourist traffic.

"We used to bring in visitors to your country, for golfing holidays but this is not possible anymore. There really is no point in restricting things. How can you promote tourism by doing that?" Clark asked.

Export opportunities are also among those that have yet to be fully explored in this part of the world, as Dubai is recognized as an open transshipment port and a gateway to many major markets in the Middle East and Europe.

Aggressive expansion

Emirates Airline has been expanding very aggressively in Asia. It just opened three more services to Kuala Lumpur and is opening services in Perth and Osaka. It is adding three more flights to Hong Kong and is planning additional flights to Thailand.

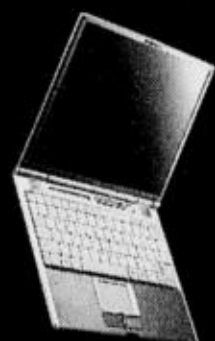
"That's the way we are moving in Asia now," a company official said.

"In the Philippines, demand is growing but, our being able to meet it is being stifled," Clark said.

Despite its aggressive expansion in many countries in Europe and Asia, Clark said the airline rarely had to encounter a situation like it was facing now in the Philippines.

Although Emirates' top officials consider a twice-a-day flight ideal, UAE officials plan to seek four additional flights for Emirates when they sit down with the Philippine panel for negotiations. That is if they will ever get the chance to sit down for the air service talks in the near future.

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE INFINITE **FUJITSU**



Sophisticated

LIFEBOOK B-2562

• Mobile Intel® Pentium® III processor 700MHz - M supporting Enhanced Intel® SpeedStep™ technology (Ultra Low Voltage) • 256MB SDRAM • 20GB HDD • 10.4" XGA TFT (Touch Screen) • V.90 modem & 10/100Mbps LAN • Bluetooth™ PCMCIA Option • Ext FDD (USB Type) & Port Replicator • Microsoft® Windows® XP Home • Weighs approx. 1.4kg

LIFEBOOK S-5582

• Mobile Intel® Pentium® III processor 800MHz - M supporting Enhanced Intel® SpeedStep™ technology (Low Voltage) • 256MB SDRAM • 30/20GB HDD • 13.3" XGA TFT • V.90 modem & 10/100Mbps LAN • Bluetooth™ PCMCIA Option • Port Replicator • Combo Drive (DVD & CD-R/RW) / DVD Drive & Ext. USB FDD • Microsoft® Windows® XP Home • Weighs approx. 1.7kg (with an optional weight saver)

LIFEBOOK C-7631

• Mobile Intel® Pentium® III 1GHz featuring Intel® SpeedStep™ technology • 256MB SDRAM • 20GB HDD • 15" XGA TFT • 8MB VRAM • DVD drive • FDD • V.90 modem & 10/100Mbps LAN • Bluetooth™ PCMCIA Option • Microsoft® Windows® XP Home

LIFEBOOK E-6666

• Mobile Intel® Pentium® III processor 1.2GHz - M supporting Enhanced Intel® SpeedStep™ technology • 512MB SDRAM • 30GB HDD • 14.1" Super XGA + TFT • 16MB VRAM • V.90 modem & 10/100Mbps LAN • Bluetooth™ PCMCIA Option • Combo Drive (DVD & CD-R/RW) • Approx. 3.5 hrs.* • Security Panel (for security lock and application launch) • Microsoft® Windows® XP Home • Weighs approx. 2.65kg (with an optional weight saver)

Fujitsu PCs use genuine Windows® Operating Systems
www.microsoft.com/piracy/howtotell

* Actual battery life may vary depending on use, configuration and system load.

Fujitsu Philippines, Inc.
Tel: 8948557 E-mail: fujitsu@fujitsu.com.ph Website: www.fujitsu.com.ph

For S & E series contact:
AMERICAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Tel: 7230601-10 Fax: 7237951 E-mail: inquire@atl.com.ph Website: www.atl.com.ph

For C series contact:
THE COMPUTER AUTHORITY: • Parksquare 1 Makati Tel: 8106766/8105090 • Virramall Greenhills Tel: 7210957/7211012
• SM Megamall Tel: 6331594/6342437 • Sta. Lucia East Grandmall Tel: 6817334-35
• Shangri-La Plaza Tel: 6374162-63 • Festival Supermall Tel: 8503709-11

VILLMAN COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC.: • Ayala Ave. Makati Tel: 8922222/8936935-41
• West Ave. Q.C. Tel: 3739872-76

For B series contact:
ACCENT MICRO: • SM Megamall Tel: 6342417
• SM City Tel: 9277330

CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES INC. Tel: 4004222-31
ELECTROWORLD: • Parksquare 1 Makati Tel: 8132776/8123868 • SM Megamall Tel: 6331624-25
• SM City Tel: 9240034/14 • Alabang Town Center Tel: 7723254

ENTRY DATA POINT Tel: 6336367 • NEXGEN MICROSYSTEMS Tel: 7260698/82 • PC LIVE Tel: 6331722
PREMIUM LOGIC Tel: 9262112 • STANDARD MARKING Tel: 7240068 • TOTAL QUALITY MACHINES Tel: 5264503
XSITE Tel: 6972136 • ZENSHIN SYSTEMS CORP. Tel: 3650536

Intel, the Intel Inside Logo, Pentium and Intel SpeedStep are trademarks or registered trademarks of Intel Corporation or its subsidiaries in the United States and other countries. Microsoft and Windows are either registered trademarks or trademarks of Microsoft Corporation in the United States and/or other countries. Bluetooth is a trademark owned by its proprietor and used by Fujitsu under license.



P18-B PROJECT

North Luzon Expressway upgrade begins in July

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—Construction work for the expansion and modernization of the North Luzon Expressway will start in July this year.

The Manila North Tollways Corp., the concession company, expects to make the initial draw-down from a \$261-million loan for the project's Phase 1 by July, according to Jose de Jesus, MNTC president and chief executive officer.

The agreement for the loan, coming from 12 international lenders led by the Asian Development Bank, was signed in July last year.

The project costs \$371 million (roughly P18 billion), with equity of \$117.5 million.

The MNTC is comprised of the Lopez Group (76.3 percent), Egis of France (10 percent), Leighton Construction Asia Ltd. (10 percent) and the state-run Philippine National Construction Corp. (3.7 percent).

De Jesus said fund release was

imminent since almost 90 percent of the conditions have been met, the most important of which was right-of-way acquisition for the project.

He said the government had already expropriated 116 of the 123 target lots. The sale of the remaining seven lots are still being negotiated.

The expressway's 84-km stretch and the Subic Tipo Road's 8-km span will be rehabilitated and expanded by Leighton, an Australian construction company.

De Jesus said Phase I of the project would be completed in two years and would generate some 6,000 jobs.

According to the MNTC, Phase 1 will improve the Balintawak-Navaliches flyover, expand the main road from Balintawak up to Sta. Ines (Mabalacat, Pampanga), and upgrade 10 existing interchanges and construct three new ones in Pampanga to ease traffic to the Clark Special Economic Zone.

Toll plazas would also be improved and increased, employing an open collection system from Balintawak to Bocaue.

American, Chinese firms to build 3 hydro plants

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BAOCELOD CITY—American and Chinese firms are set to build three hydroelectric plants in Negros Island worth \$78.72 million, or P3.9 billion.

The proposed projects were disclosed when representatives of the Pacific Synergy International Inc., Capital Genesis Research Corp. and China National Water Resources and Hydropower Engineering Corp. met with local officials led by the two governors of the island—Joseph Marañon of Negros Occidental and George Arnaiz of Negros Oriental.

Marañon said the three hydroelectric plants were expected to

generate 54.5 megawatts of power and could be operational five years from the start of the construction.

The first hydroelectric plant was proposed to be built in the village of Carol-an, at the border of Kabankalan, Negros Occidental and Ayungon, Negros Oriental. It was expected to generate 8.5 megawatts.

Negros Occidental Vice Gov. Isidro Zayco said the survey and study of the Carol-an hydroelectric potential was conducted as early as 1998.

The 8.5 megawatts the power plant would generate could provide power for the adjoining towns of Himamaylan, Kabankalan, Ilog and part of

Cauayan, Zayco said.

The second plant would be built at the boundary of La Libertad in Negros Occidental and Guihulngan in Negros Oriental, and would generate 33 megawatts.

The third plant was projected to generate 13 megawatts and would be set up at the boundary of the towns of Santa Catalina and Siaton, both in Negros Oriental.

The two American firms would fund the project while the Chinese company would provide the equipment, according to Jose Ma. Valencia, a consultant to Governor Marañon.

UPS' new hub to complement Clark operations

By Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

TAIPEI, Taiwan—Officials of the US package delivery giant United Parcel Services here said that the new intra-Asia hub at the Clark Economic Zone in Angeles City would complement, rather than compete with their operations here.

"The intra-Asia hub in Clark plays a different role than that of the Trans-Pacific hub here. Both play a complementary role rather than a competitive one," said Eric Chung, UPS Trans-Pacific hub manager at the Chiang Kai-shek International Airport here.

Chung said Taiwan would still serve as an intercontinental center delivering to and from Europe and America while the intra-Asia hub would serve as the transshipment point within Asia.

"It's a win-win situation for UPS," Chung said. But he conceded that the UPS hub in Clark would be crucial for handling transshipment between China and other Asian countries.

China was expected to be the biggest market for UPS. Despite a global economic slowdown, the UPS business in China grew by 35 percent during the first half of 2001.

UPS obtained the right to operate six flights to China per week since April 2001. The UPS reportedly signed a contract with Airbus Co. to buy 60 A300-600 all-cargo planes.

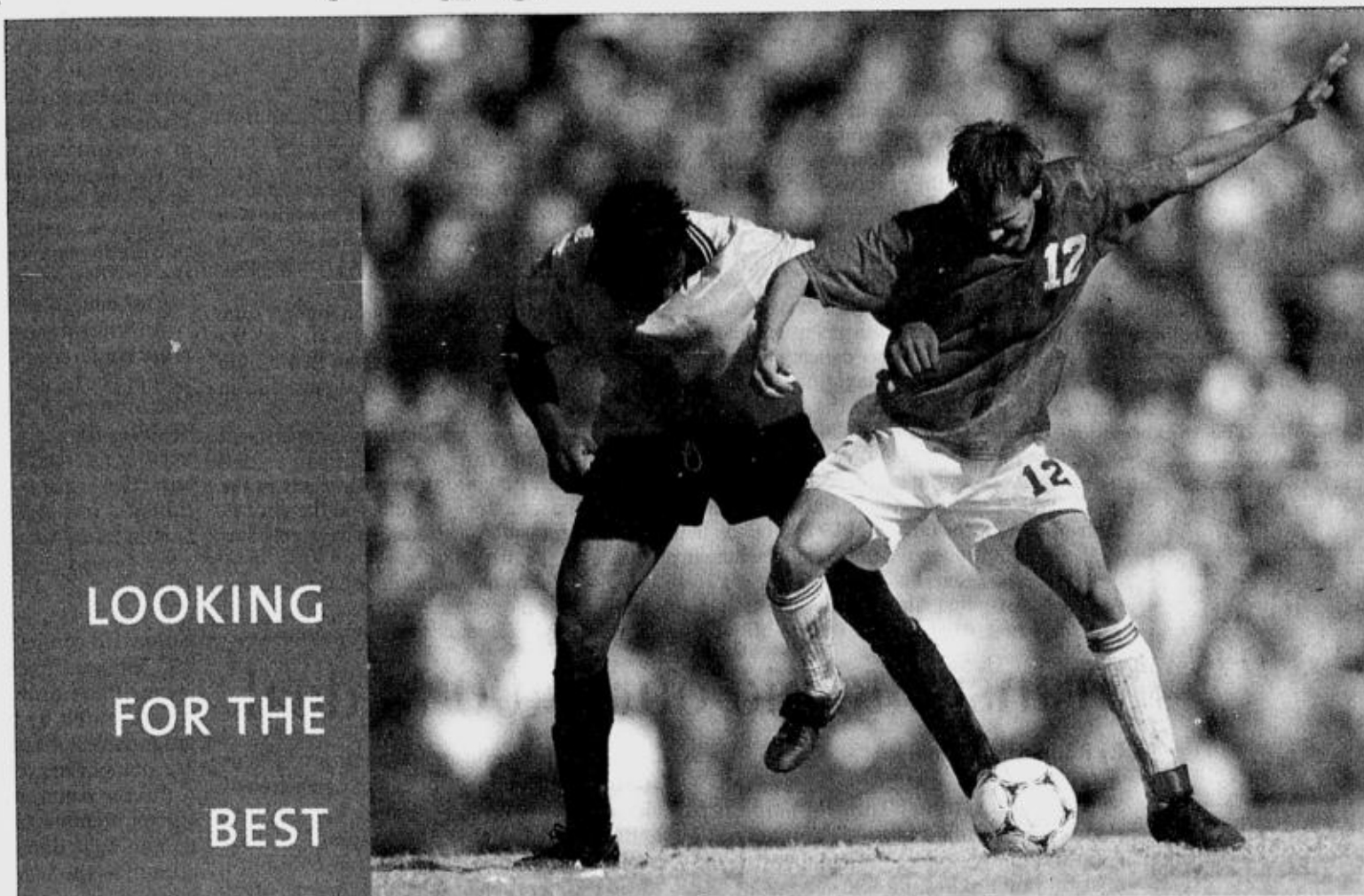
Sy, Ayala eye . . .

From page B1
its stake even if retailing was their core expertise, Sy-Coson said. "We consider our stake in (Pilipinas) Makro as a portfolio investment, so just like any other portfolio investment, there's always the possibility that we'll sell."

Sy-Coson noted that Pilipinas Makro was doing very well and that the SM group was satisfied with its performance. However, she confirmed that a joint sale with ALI was an option.

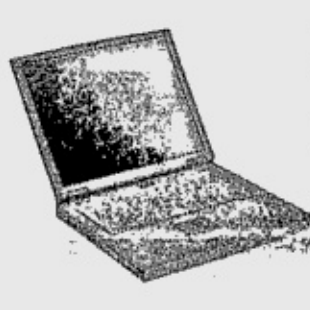
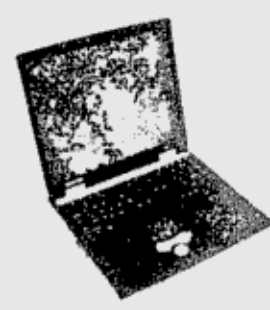
Most of the SM group's 36-percent stake in Pilipinas Makro is held by SM Investments Inc. The joint-venture agreement on Pilipinas Makro gives SM and ALI's Dutch partner, SHV Makro N.V., the right of first refusal should the local groups decide to sell their interest. The foreign group is expected to exercise this option.

Pilipinas Makro has been rapidly expanding in the country since its establishment in 1996. After putting up stores within the National Capital Region, it has branched out to the provinces, opening an eighth store in Pampanga last year and a ninth store in Batangas last January.



LOOKING
FOR THE
BEST

STEALS?



Power your business with these great deals from Compaq:

EVO D500 Desktop	EVO SB3000	EVO N160 Laptop	EVO N110 Laptop
- Intel® Pentium®4 processor 1.7 GHz 20 GB HDD 128 MB SDRAM - 333 - Win2K	- Intel® Pentium®4 processor 1.7 GHz 20 GB HDD / 200 3200 rpm 128 MB SDRAM - 333 - Win XP Pro	- Intel® Pentium®4 processor 1.6 GHz 20 GB HDD 128 MB SDRAM - 333 - Windows® 98	- Intel® Pentium®III 1.0 GHz 20 GB 4200 rpm 8x DVD ROM - Win2K with modem & Nic Combo
PHP 52,500	PHP 52,000	PHP 44,500	PHP 43,999

Plus FREE Compaq special gifts for every purchase!



Compaq PCs use genuine Microsoft® Windows®
www.microsoft.com/piracy/howtotell

EVO DISTRIBUTORS: Lamco International • MSI Digiland COMMERCIAL RESELLERS: Accent Micro Products, Inc. • Advance Microsystems Corp. • Advance Solutions • ASAP Computer System • Complex • Creative Technologies Inc. • DC Tech • Fatkee Computer • Information Productivity Corp. • Infowork Incorporated • Microbase Inc. • Microphase • Ng Khai Development Corp. • Northgate Technologies Inc. • Productivity Technologies • Silicon Valley

©2000 Compaq Computer Corporation. COMPAQ and the Compaq logo are registered trademarks of Compaq Computer Corporation. Other products mentioned herein may be trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective companies. Compaq is not liable for additional, accidental, or consequential errors in this advertisement.

Where there are
sales

there is
InFocus



InFocus LP530
Digital Projector
turns meetings
into spectacular
presentations

Call 723-0601 for
a FREE InFocus demo
Exclusive Distributor & Service Provider
better solutions
AMERICAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
www.atl.com.ph
inquire@atl.com.ph

We Accept: Digital ID CARD Services

For More Inquiries,
Please Contact Us at:

ALL VISUAL & LIGHTS SYSTEMS
Tel. Nos.: 911-0904 • 911-0947 Fax No.: 912-8307
E-mail Address: avls@skynet.net



AVLS

Gov't exceeds 1st quarter budget deficit ceiling

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE GOVERNMENT has reportedly exceeded by P3 billion its P52.93-billion budget deficit ceiling for the first quarter of the year due to poor revenue collections and its aggressive debt payment stance.

The government was hoping that the P6-billion shortfall in the Bureau of Internal Revenue collections in the first quarter would be offset by higher collections by other agencies and the savings arising from lower interests on state debts. These expectations, however, did not materialize.

Where there are presentations

there is

InFocus

InFocus LP530 Digital Projector turns meetings into spectacular presentations

Call 723-0601 for a FREE InFocus demo
Exclusive Distributor & Service Provider
AMERICAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
www.atl.com.ph
inquire@atl.com.ph

enues," said Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin in an interview. Boncodin, however, did not say the actual first quarter figures, which will be released in the next two days.

This year, the government aims to contain its budget deficit to P130 billion, lower than last year's P147 billion, to be on track with its objectives of bringing down the deficit to zero by 2006.

The government wanted to keep its first quarter deficit within the P52.933 billion ceiling. However, a government official said the budget gap had exceeded the ceiling "by more than P3 billion." Another source said the excess was much more than P3 billion.

BIR collections fell P6 billion below the target of P99.503 billion in the first quarter. Sources said the Bureau of Customs had met its target of P23.156 billion while the Bureau of Treasury had exceeded its P4.704-billion target by

about P3 billion.

The fees and charges collected from government offices surpassed the target of P8.325 billion by P1.6 billion.

The budget department was supposed to contain government spending at P188.621 billion. Of this, P51.206 billion should have been used for interest payments.

Despite the P9.3 billion savings from lower interest charges on debts paid, the government exceeded the P18 billion earmarked for contractual payments in the first quarter.

A source from the budget department said that the government had settled about P20 billion in obligations in the first quarter. Boncodin said the government had front-loaded its payments during the first quarter.

BIR Commissioner Rene Banez said that lower interest rates this year also pushed down its revenues from interest income.

Transco to bid out P400-M deal

By Ronnel W. Domingo

STATE-RUN National Transmission Corp. said last week that it would soon bid out a P400-million contract to complete the transmission line linking the 500-megawatt San Lorenzo plant in Batangas to the Luzon power grid.

Transco president Asiselo Gonzaga said in a news briefing that the project would involve the installation of the 230-kilovolt San Lorenzo-Mahabang Parang line. This will allow the full transmission of electricity from First Gas Power Corp.'s natural gas-fed plant to the Luzon power grid.

"This forms part of a P1-billion project, 60 percent of which has already been auctioned off," Gonzaga said.

The Manila Electric Co. blamed Transco's

inability to fully transmit power from the generation plant to the grid for the rising cost of electricity.

But Gonzaga said the incomplete San Lorenzo-Mahabang Parang line could not cause such a problem since the Lorenzo plant has yet to operate commercially.

The Transco chief said that if a contract would be sealed within the year, construction could start by the middle of 2003.

"We could have started earlier if not for the right-of-way problems we were having," Gonzaga said.

Transco is finding difficulties in convincing owners of the land that will be affected by the project to sell.

Gonzaga said Transco's contribution to the project funding was already included in its 2002 budget.

The deceptive TV screen

AFTER a hard day's work, you retire to the cool comfort of your home and while waiting for dinner, you settle down in your favorite armchair to watch the early evening TV newscast. The deceptive coverage of local news is enough to spoil your appetite. Old footage that is not marked old is run, which is a deception. New footage has been cropped so as to distort the coverage, which is a deception as well.

For instance, an item on the Abu Sayyaf will invariably include a footage, at least a year old, on the bandit band defiantly raising high-powered weapons high in the air. And since the date of the footage is not shown, old footage is being passed on the viewer as new.

Another deception is the footage on a press conference by some so-called militant group. The format has remained unchanged. The conference is held in a big room. Three or four tables are lined up to form what is usually referred to as presidential table. A streamer bearing the name of the organization and its slogan is tackled on the wall. Seated at the far side of the table is a wild-eyed, fist-clinching and flag-burning bunch. Then the leader talks into the microphone telling the viewer what is wrong with the nation. His companions at the table say nothing. The audience is never shown, which means there probably is none. The format was invented by local communists (sorry, progressives), but just about everybody, even Erap supporters, use it now.

But the worst deception of all is the footage on demonstrations. There is no deception on huge demonstrations like Edsa II or Edsa III as these are fully covered in all their intensity and enormity. The great deception is on small demonstrations. Shown on close-ups, the TV screen is totally filled up, just like a photograph that has been cropped. You get the impression that the demonstration is larger than it actually is.

Then the leader, usually a community bogey, goes on his mike, close-up of course. In articulate Filipino, he tells you how the nation is suffering and how the Americans are hurting us through the Balikatan exercises. Before nobody can ask questions, assuming this is part of the coverage, the footage is over.

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General



My favorite communist bogey on these televised demonstrations is Teodoro A. Casio. He amuses me no end when he rants against dirty capitalists. For all his rabid anti-capitalism, he is a fellow member of mine at the Makati Sports Club, as capitalist a haven as you will ever find in Metro Manila. At age 35 or so, he is a dependent member. He is unemployed (who would want to employ him?), so I guess his dad pays his bills.

I am told Casio enjoys such capitalist pleasures as pumping iron in the gym, swimming in the pool and taking snacks at the patisserie. I guess he is conducting field research on how decadent capitalists like me spend their leisure time. I have never seen him in the club apparently because he does not drink, and I restrict my presence there to the dark and friendly confines of the main bar.

Once, a telecast showed a demonstration in front of the Comelec. With the use of close-ups, the cameramen gave you the impression it was a large demonstration. It was not. I happened to be at the Comelec at the time. There were only a dozen demonstrators, looking like college freshmen playing hooky that day. After the footage was taken, they bundled their placards into a van and drove off.

The TV industry, which is supposed to be self-regulating, has got to protect the viewer from deceptive TV reporting. A code of ethics is certainly called for. If there is already one, no one seems to be enforcing it.

In the meantime, when you see close-up footage or a demonstration or the Abu Sayyaf, don't get fooled. It isn't as large or threatening as it looks. What you see is all there is. When I see deceptive footage, I join my 6-year-old granddaughter Timmy and watch her favorite channel where the characters are far more credible and entertaining—the Cartoon Network.

Meco backs RP cement makers in Taiwan case

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE MANILA Economic and Cultural Office has taken the cudgels for Philippine cement makers in their bid to appeal a decision by Taiwan Ministry of Finance to slap punitive duties on Philippine cement exports to Taiwan.

Meco chair and chief executive officer Antonio I. Basilio said: "The Philippine government is prepared to support the Philippine cement companies in exhausting the remedies under the Taiwanese legal system and if necessary, under the dispute settlement framework of the World Trade Organization if the final decision will be adverse to the rights and interests of the Philippine cement industry."

The Taiwan MOF decided last month to impose punitive tariffs of 45 percent on cement from the Philippines, as well as South Korea, for the next five years.

The decision was based on a nine-month review of Philippine cement shipments to Taiwan—from Alsons Cement Corp., Apo Cement Corp., Rizal Cement Co., and Solid Cement Corp. of the Philippines—that has been growing sharply since late last year. The Taiwan MOF alleged that this caused harm to Taiwanese cement makers, specifically Taiwan Cement Corp. which is also facing the same charges of dumping here in the Philippines.

Basilio had to step forward and represent the Philippine cement makers during a public hearing last week of Taiwan's International Trade Commission on the proposed anti-dumping duty on Philippine cement exports after Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II practically left the local industry players to fend for themselves.

Roxas declared he would not appeal the Taiwan government's decision and he even "lauded" the Taiwan MOF's action against Philippine cement imports.

He said this was the result of the Taiwanese government's "unity" in protecting its industries in contrast to the Philippine Tariff Commission which pooh-poohed his endorsement to slap punitive duties on cement imports including those coming from Taiwan.

In a statement to the Taiwan ITC, Basilio said that while Taiwan's cement industry had indeed floundered, the downturn was not caused by imports from the Philippines and South Korea but by other factors.

Basilio said Taiwan's economy, including the construction sector, has been contracting during the past years which led to a steep drop in cement prices. With demand ebbing, Basilio said the Taiwan cement players were faced with over capacity (due to the construction of new plants in Taiwan's east) and were forced to close plants and lay off workers.

Basilio said the decrease in the investment returns of the Taiwan cement industry was due to new investments in East Taiwan and overseas made by local players. He noted that Taiwan Cement and Asia Cement of Taiwan have a dominant market share while exporters such as the Philippines had only a 4-percent share of the domestic market. He also questioned why Japan was not included in the investigation even though it was the biggest cement exporter to Taiwan.

PENHURST
PARKPLACE

Avoid COSTLY & PAINFUL MISTAKES.
HERE COMES A DIRECT SOLUTION!

Why buy from the middleman at
P63,000/sqm. and above?

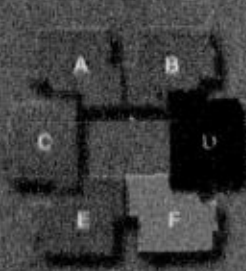
When you can buy services to build direct
at a cost of P37,000/sqm.
and at half the delivery time.

We used to do it for the middleman too!!

LOCATION: Fort Bonifacio Global City
neighbor to Forbes Park & Manila Golf.



3-BEDROOM TYPE A UNIT
108.14 sqm.



3-BEDROOM TYPE B UNIT
108.14 sqm.

For more information or to be invited to a presentation.
Please call telephone numbers:

631-6571 to 77
637-0234 to 36

*183.70 SQM. UNITS ALSO AVAILABLE.

For only P36,200/sqm. to P39,980/sqm. own a 3-Bedroom Corner Unit for 3.95M.

✓ 60% open space and garden with a swimming pool.

Project Proponent:



DEVELOPMENT COMPANY



LAND PROVIDER



TRUSTEE BANK

US files WTO case against Japan on apple restrictions

WASHINGTON—The United States is preparing a World Trade Organization complaint that accuses Japan of unfairly restricting imports of American apples.

"The Japanese refuse to import almost any American apples even though the apples are certified as safe by US authorities," the US Trade Representative's Office said in a statement.

The action culminates years of complaints by US growers and the government against Japan, which is accused of using unsubstantiated scientific claims for restricting imported apples.

The statement says Japan continues to impose restric-

tions on US apples even though joint US-Japanese scientific research "has demonstrated that the apples are free of fire blight, a plant bacterial disease that Japan claims is the basis of its plant restrictions on US imports."

"US farmers want to sell our world-class apples to Japanese consumers, but they are being blocked," said US Trade Representative Robert Zoellick.

"The United States has gone to great lengths to find a scientifically based resolution to this issue. Unfortunately, Japan refuses to modify its onerous import restrictions despite scientific evidence that they are safe." **AFP**

Asian finance heads see strong recovery despite choppy waters

SHANGHAI—Top Asian finance officials on Saturday voiced confidence that the region was on course for recovery after coming through choppy economic waters.

Speaking at the 35th annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank Board of Governors in Shanghai, finance ministers from Afghanistan to Indonesia expressed their hope that the region was on track for faster growth as the US economy picks up steam.

US Assistant Treasury Secretary Kenneth Dam said Saturday that the US recovery was firmly underway.

Asian finance chiefs echoed Dam's optimism, saying that the worst was now over and the

shockwaves of Sept. 11 were beginning to subside.

Indonesian finance head Boediono said the country had "turned the corner in its recovery from the crisis that began in 1997."

"With improvements in political stability, security and economic reforms, a virtuous circle is forming," he said.

Boediono said the country would top the 3.3-percent growth it achieved in 2001 and that foreign investor confidence was growing.

South Korea, which was forced to raise interest rates earlier this week to cool the economy, was also "back on the road to recovery

after years of restructuring and sound management of macroeconomic policies," Finance Minister Yun-churl Jeon said.

The country has repaid loans of \$3.8 billion from international financial institutions ahead of schedule and is on track to a 5-percent growth this year, he added.

China's economy, meanwhile, has been steam-rolling ahead, clocking up 7-percent growth last year and drawing business away from the rest of the region, as foreign investors quit other southeast Asian countries to cash in on China's lower labor costs.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin said Friday that China's growth was good news for the rest of

Asia, as the country entered the World Trade Organization and would throw open its markets to greater foreign competition.

However, Goldman Sachs vice chair Robert Hormatz warned that China's growing economic, political and military power would present a serious challenge to nations in the region over the coming years.

"Other nations will have to determine ways to address the challenges of the PRC's (People's Republic of China's) competitive strengths and its attraction to foreign investment, as well as to take advantage of opportunities in the growing PRC market," he said. **AP**

Report shows half of Argentines now living in poverty

BUENOS AIRES—Half of Argentina's 36 million citizens now live in poverty, after nearly four years of recession took a turn for the worse last month, according to officials.

The director of Argentina's statistics service INDEC, Juan Carlos Del Bello, said the ratio of people now classed officially as poor was now at 18 million.

In just two months, the ranks of the poor have swollen by 4 million due to inflation, higher unemployment and frozen salaries, Del Bello said in a television interview.

The increase in poverty goes hand in hand with a deep economic recession, now in its 47th consecutive month. However, the situation became more critical when the liberal orthodox economic plan of former president Fernando de la Rúa collapsed last December, he said.

De la Rúa resigned late last year in the midst of riots after his government sought to avoid default via a severe economic hardship package, freezing bank accounts to try and stop capital flight from the country.

The nation, under the government of President Eduardo Duhalde, formally defaulted on its \$141-billion public debt on Jan. 3 and went on to devalue the currency from nine years of equal pegging to the dollar, setting off a rise in prices. **AFP**

Telecom jobs cut as other tech sectors stabilize

SAN FRANCISCO—Telecommunications companies are still slashing positions even as job cuts in other US tech sectors stabilize, an international job consultancy reported Friday.

The consultancy also reported a sharp decline in bonuses and other perks for high-tech workers.

According to Chicago-based Challenger, Gray and Christmas, US technology job cuts declined to 158,749 in the first four months of 2002, down from 231,470 cuts in the first four months of 2001, a 31-percent decline.

However, telecom companies saw job cuts jump 31 percent to 120,698 in the first four months of this year, as compared with 91,799 in the first four months of 2001.

The telecommunications sector has been ailing, as new cell phone subscriber rates slow and promises of a new wireless Internet in the United States have failed to materialize.

The consultancy said the stabilized tech job market would keep people working but also indicated a stagnant market overall.

"The good news is that hemorrhaging of employees has slowed in computers, electronics and e-commerce," said Challenger chief executive John Challenger in a statement accompanying the figures. "The bad news, however, is that job creation in these areas could remain virtually non-existent until companies re-ignite spending on new technology." **AFP**

IBM plans to cut up to 9,500 jobs

NEW YORK—International Business Machines Corp., faced with stagnant sales due to a technology spending slowdown, is poised for its largest workforce reduction in a decade, according to a person close to the situation.

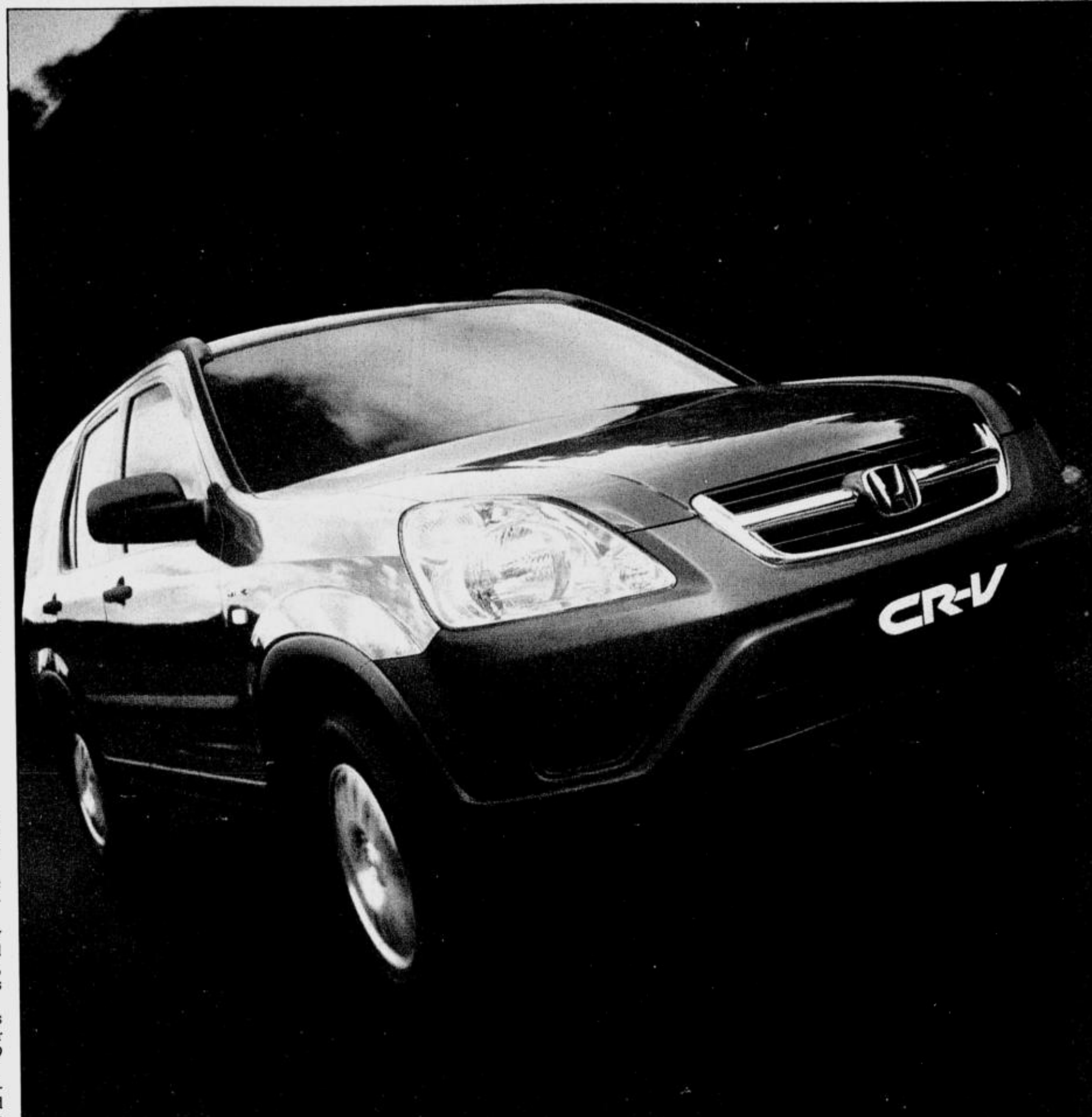
The source said the job cuts were anticipated at between 2.5 percent and 3 percent of the world's largest computer maker's 318,000-strong workforce, or between 7,950 and 9,540 workers.

Most of the cuts are expected to take place in the second quarter and are targeted at specific divisions rather than the entire company.

Analysts have widely anticipated the reductions since last month, when IBM reported a sharper-than-expected 30-percent decline in first-quarter earnings, its biggest drop since emerging from a period of losses in 1993.

A spokesperson for the Armonk, New York, company declined to comment. "We're constantly rebalancing our workforce according to market conditions," he said.

Indeed, IBM, in recent years, has made mostly small cuts in specific divisions as part of what it calls skills rebalancing. For instance, in November, it cut 1,000 people from its semiconductor division, which is suffering from the worst industry downturn in a decade. **Reuters**



All roads lead to excitement.

Brace yourself for an exhilarating experience with the new Honda CR-V. Now with the breakthrough VTEC engine that delivers extraordinary power and outstanding fuel efficiency. Loaded with superior safety features like the Anti-Lock Braking System, Electronic Brake Force Distribution and Dual SRS Airbags for carefree riding pleasure. In demanding circumstances or unfamiliar territory, the new CR-V responds with smooth confidence and effortless drive.

Others promise freedom, but only the CR-V delivers true liberation. Wherever your journey, whatever your goal, all roads lead to excitement.

ALL-NEW
CR-V

Things to see. Places to go.

i-VTEC
ECONOMY

3 Years
100,000 Miles
Warranty

MAINTENANCE
1/2 COST



HONDA



Winning in Tough Times: Stand Out or Lose Out. Learn the secrets from the marketing masters at the Philippine Marketing Association's 33rd Annual Marketing Conference. July 3 & 4, 2002 at the Westin Philippine Plaza. Early bird registration deadline is May 17, 2002. For bookings, call Lydia/Rose/Marjorie at 893-7127/892-3144/813-0466, or fax us at 892-3261/892-0977.

E-mail: pma@philonline.com Website: www.pma.philonline.com

 PHILIPPINE MARKETING ASSOCIATION, INC.



INFOTECH

Editor Leo Magno

HP to drop Compaq brand after merger; job cuts expected soon

By Erwin Lemuel G. Oliva
INQ7.net

THE COMPAQ brand will be dropped eventually following the completion of the merger deal with computer firm Hewlett-

Packard, the company's new Philippine country general manager said Wednesday.

"There will be sub-brands where the Compaq brand will still be used, but eventually the brand will be out," said Nilo Cruz, the

newly appointed chief of the new HP in the Philippines.

Eight months after HP and Compaq announced that the two companies would be merged, the integration plans were finally announced May 7. The deal, valued

at about \$19 billion, would eventually create an \$87-billion global company with 160 operations worldwide and over 145,000 employees, according to industry analysts. The combined operations would also make HP the

world's largest maker of computers and printers, and a sizeable threat to IBM, Sun Microsystems and Dell Computer.

Cruz also announced that he was named the host manager for Enterprise Systems Group for the

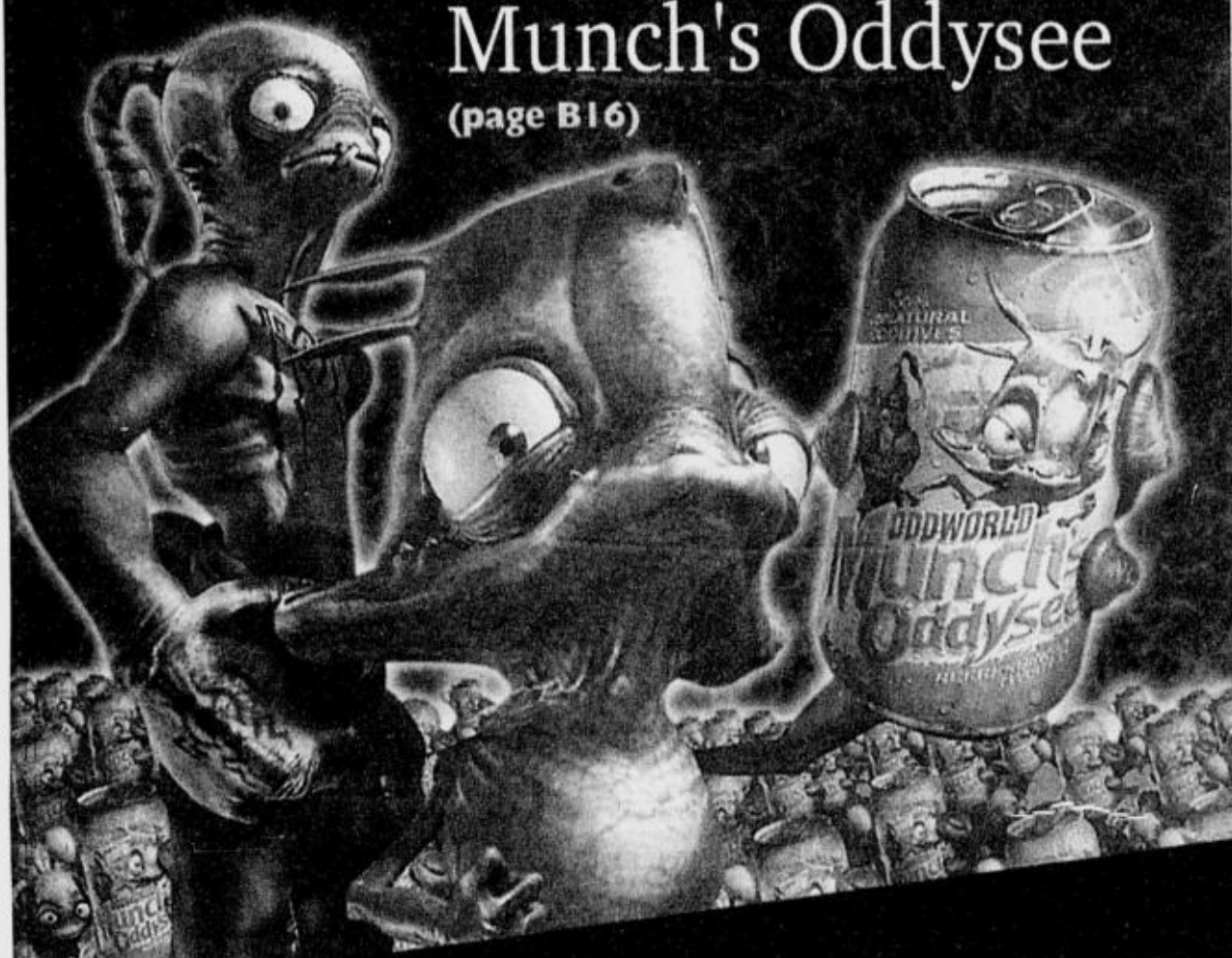
Philippines, one of the four new business units created under the new HP. Other groups include HP Services, Imaging and Printing Group, and Personal Systems Group.

HP/B17

inside

We review Oddworld: Munch's Oddysee

(page B16)



OUTSOURCED SYSTEMS

Small utilities companies urged to make use of ASPs

By Joel D. Pinaroc

SMALL, regional power companies in the Philippines need not spend millions of pesos to put up a "competitive" information technology (IT) system to enhance operations and customer service.

According to Spanish systems integrator Soluziona, what companies can do to establish their own IT infrastructures is to outsource their software requirements, a more cost-effective way especially for companies which are belt-tightening due to the ongoing economic crunch.

"Small companies can tap an ASP (applications service provider), if they wish to set up their own IT systems, without spending million of pesos," said Juan Rodriguez, newly appointed head of Soluziona Philippines.

An ASP is a company that offers software applications and other related services over a network, such as the Internet, on a "rental" or outsourcing arrangement. One of the benefits seen from this model is that companies need not put these applications in their own hardware, as management and maintenance of these applications is also a responsibility of the ASP.

Rodriguez said the ASP model is one of the best ways for companies to join the IT bandwagon, without shelling out millions, especially during times of economic slowdowns.

While an ASP model is seen as a two-pronged solution allowing companies to have an IT system in place without the costs, it also has its drawbacks.

Rodriguez said one of the drawbacks of this ASP scheme, especially for small companies, is that the IT setup may not have the same capabilities and scale as million-dollar infrastructure currently being used by larger companies such as Meralco.

For Soluziona, Rodriguez said the company is looking at the ASP model especially for small utilities companies in the Philippines. These companies, being customer-centric, would inevitably need to computerize their operations in order to improve their service.

Soluziona is formerly known as Iberpacifit, the joint venture of Spanish group Union Ferosa and Meralco, the biggest power provider in the Philippines. The company is currently in the process of completing a project with the power firm.

Senator urges gov't agencies to follow e-commerce law

By Erwin Lemuel G. Oliva
INQ7.net

GOVERNMENT agencies unable to comply with the E-commerce Law might face budget cuts, Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr., co-author of the law, told INQ7.net.

"We're looking at deducting P10 million to P20 million from their budget if they don't comply," said Magsaysay, who is also a member of the Congressional Oversight Committee on the implementation of Republic Act 8792, also known as the E-commerce Act of 2000.

The law, which was passed two years ago, requires all government agencies to be wired and ready to do online transactions with other agencies and even with the public by June 30, 2002.

The law also requires that an electronic online network linking all government agencies, dubbed RPWeb, be in place after two years.

Magsaysay said he will push for a provision in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for 2003, which would explicitly state that non-compliance to RA 8792 would translate to budget cuts.

The GAA is prepared by the Department of Budget and Management and approved by both Senate and the House of Representatives every year.

"We can do that because once the government budget is completed by the Department of Budget and Management, we have the power to reduce the budget of each agency who failed to comply. We can put a general provision to that effect," the senator added.

Magsaysay said that the Congressional Oversight Committee is still giving government agencies until June 7 and 8 to do whatever they can to comply with at least the minimum requirement of the law—which is to have a website. "We will force the laggards to comply," Magsaysay added.

In a separate interview, Virgilio Peña, executive director of the Information Technology and E-commerce Council, the country's

highest policymaking body on information and communications technology, suggested that the Oversight Committee should instead force government agencies to show how much money they have appropriated in order to comply with the Law.

Failure to do so would mean cuts or realignment of budget to other agencies that have complied, Peña said.

"Some government agencies think this law is too exotic for them to absorb. They must have failed in science or math or they are just plainly not concerned because the law removes a lot of their traditional practices, which is less transparent," Magsaysay said.

Magsaysay stressed that the E-commerce Law aims to institutionalize transparency in government transactions.

The senator also disagrees that the lack of money and other resources is a good reason for their failure to comply with the law.

"It's the lack of will to implement it because they would rather resort to old practices where they earn some illicit funds," he said. "I'm sad to see that only a few of our government agencies are serious in attaining or servicing our Filipino constituents through an online facility. We don't have more than five to seven agencies that have committed to put in capital to comply with the law," the senator added.

Last month, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo directed 377 national government agencies to have Web presence by end of June 2002, the government official said. A survey done by the National Computer Center last year showed that 112 national agencies have no websites.

Earlier, there were also proposals to offer incentives to government agencies complying with the Law.

Under the E-commerce Law, the Department of Trade and Industry is mandated to oversee implementation of the Law, including compliance of each government agency.



MAGSAYSAY

Best Value Pentium 4 Solution

ECS ELITEGROUP

Enriching your PC Experience

ECS P455A
SIS 645 Chipset
Socket 478 for Pentium 4 processors
Two PC133 SDRAM or Two DDR SDRAM
6 PCI Slots, 1 AGP Slot, 1 AMR slot
Built-in Audio, Built-in LAN
ATX Form Factor

ECS P41BA5D
Intel 845D Chipset
Socket 478 for Pentium 4 processors
Two PC133 SDRAM or Two DDR SDRAM
6 PCI Slots, 1 AGP Slot, 1 CNR Slot
Built-in Audio
ATX Form Factor

ECS P4VMN2
VIA P4M266 Chipset
Socket 478 for Pentium 4 processors
Two PC133 SDRAM or Two DDR SDRAM
2 PCI Slots, 1 AGP Slot, 1 CNR Slot
Built-in Audio, Built-in Video, Built-in LAN
Micro ATX Form Factor

Exclusive Distributor

Axis
Global Technology Inc.
www.axisglobal.com

Available at all leading Computer Store nationwide.

Munch and Abe play the odd couple in 'Oddworld'

By Leo Magno

SELDOM do we encounter games such as "Oddworld: Munch's Oddysee." This third serving of the Oddworld series is exclusive to the Xbox after Microsoft gobbled up the game's developer, American gamemaker Oddworld Inhabitants Inc. The design team of Oddworld complained that the PlayStation2 platform simply isn't powerful enough to make their latest game a reality. So they developed Munch's Oddysee for the Xbox.

Microsoft was wise to take Oddworld Inhabitants Inc. under its wings. Munch's Oddysee is a wonderful game—with refreshing new ideas and gameplay creativity that rival even those made by Nintendo of Japan. The cast of oddball characters which populate Oddworld are funny, varied and interesting. The gameplay is addictive. The cinematic camera, auto-targeting and easy navigation free gamers from frustration. The graphics and 3D effects are superb. And the humor in this game is great. This strategy game is also classified un-

der the action/adventure genre, and may even be considered a platform game. What makes this game earn the highest score among all the games Infotech has reviewed so far (even higher than Halo)? Munch's Oddysee is challenging, funny and fresh. The characters are governed by an artificial intelligence program which is beyond that of most other games.

But most of all, the game is fun to play. Read why we believe Oddworld: Munch's Oddysee deserves a score of 9.3 out of 10, the highest rating we've given so far.

EXCUSE me while I dispense of the obligatory background story of "Oddworld: Munch's Oddysee" before I dive into the game's details.

Munch and Abe are two of the many oddball inhabitants of Oddworld, and together they make an odd couple indeed. Munch is an amphibious, one-legged creature called a Gabbit, and he is the last of his kind. You see, in Oddworld greedy corporate types known as Glukkons sell Gabbit eggs—called "Gabbjar"—in cans, while Gabbit lungs are also a delicacy. So Munch and his posse were fished out of the sea to near extinction. Munch, the last of the Gabbits, is captured by the Vykkers, the scientists behind the diabolical operations of the Glukkons. Now he has to escape and find the last remaining can of Gabbjar, which contains the last Gabbit eggs in Oddworld.

Enter Abe, a Mudokon slave who realizes that his species is being exploited by the Glukkons, and that his kind would soon be turned into a meat product due to food shortage on Oddworld. He has to free his fellow Mudokons, rally the slaves (also known as scrubs) and save the Labor Eggs (unborn Mudokons).

So Munch and Abe are both fighting for the survival of their species, and fate unites them in similar causes, as earlier predicted by The Almighty Raisin, an Oddworld seer which has a penchant for falling asleep at the worst possible times.

Do these characters sound weird? Wait till you meet the Fuzzles, the Slogs, the Sligs, the Big Bro sligs, the interns and then transform your Mudokon scrubs into Tomahawks and Archers. Munch's Oddysee is full of weird and wonderful characters which make their oddball world interesting.

The game is the latest installment in the Oddworld series (Abe's Oddysee and Abe's Exoddus both came out on the PlayStation), and features a 3D world that's meticulously detailed (check out the sunlight which hits you and the way it casts its effects on the surroundings at the start of the "Mudokon Fortress" level). You get to play as Abe and Munch with a flick of the black button, and the way you make Abe and Munch move toward certain areas will determine whether or not you reach your goal for any level.

Abe is good at farting, running, growing Spooce shrubs and jumping. He can also possess enemies and order lazy Mudokons to work. Munch is a good swimmer but a slow runner, and he can free caged Fuzzles, zap enemies and operate machinery telepathically. These abilities will determine which character you should use for each situation.

This makes Munch's Oddysee one big puzzle, with emphasis on strategy. However, the humor injected into the game and the wacky storyline behind it make the puzzles fun to solve. How to get from one place to another is already a puzzle, and you have to manage your resources (such as Fuzzles and Mudokons) and order them around to achieve

anything. Fuzzles are cute, small, furry creatures which Munch free from cages. In return, they follow Munch around and even defend him. Munch can sic the Fuzzles on enemies, which are shredded like tissue paper once Fuzzles drop their cute façade and bare their fangs. Abe can also order Mudokons to attack or perform certain actions. They can even be upgraded into Tomahawks and archers to make them more effective fighters.

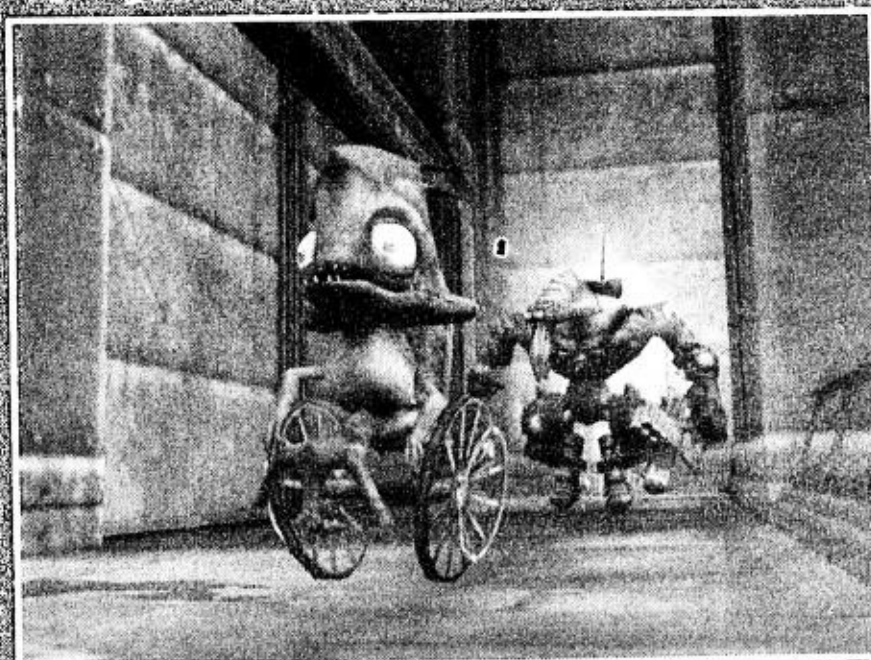
This is where the artificial intelligence design of the game is made evident. Oddworld has a patented "Gamespeak" process wherein characters can order non-player characters (NPCs) to perform certain actions. These range from chanting on chant circles to open gates, pulling down levers to operate machinery, attacking enemies or standing in a corner when they aren't needed. Hit the wrong button and Abe will fart. When you're playing Munch, he'll burp. Then listen to the laughter which the NPCs will make. Hit the right button at the wrong time and the NPCs will tell you: "Nothing to do, Abe!" The NPCs respond to commands like "Kick some booty!" or "Get 'em!"

Searching for and ordering the Fuzzles and Mudokons is key to succeeding in Munch's Oddysee. But after working hard for you, you'll have to release them all from bondage after each level. Doing so will increase your Quarma, which is counted at the end of the game.

The only other console game I've seen which has an AI program that is more sophisticated than Munch's Oddysee is "Pikmin" by Nintendo for the GameCube. But Munch's Oddysee has more going for it than just AI. It's got some creative scenarios which make you wanna go through different levels over and over again. For example, there's more than one way to go through a phalanx of defenders. You can either use Abe or Munch, and sometimes this will entail several tries (both characters can be resurrected any time). With the game's nifty Quicksave feature, you can afford to be bold and experiment on different ways to defeat an enemy or complete a task. You can save before making that jump or before facing that slig.

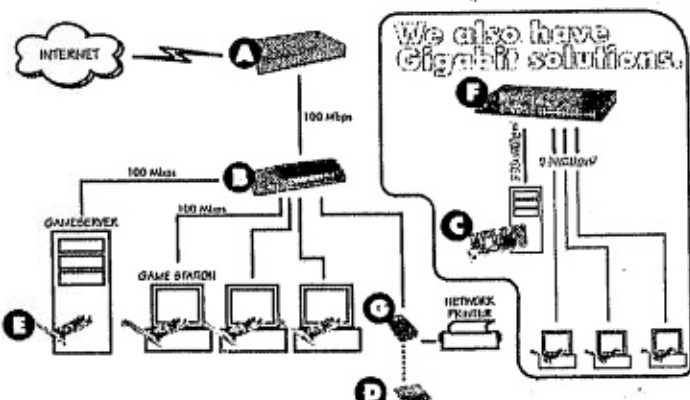
I remember when I was stuck with Munch because Abe can't swim to the next level, and Munch is such a slow mover without his wheelchair. He had to take on an armored Big Bro slig all by himself, armed with zap energy. The slig was about 10 times the size of Munch. After several tries and deaths, I finally figured out how to take the big mother down. I let Munch drink a lot of zap, then ran like hell toward the armored Big Bro slig's butt. I zapped the mother's rear-end and kept on turning everytime the big momma turned to face Munch. I let Munch

MUNCH/B17



WE'VE GOT YOUR NUMBERS:
10/100/1000 MBPS.

LET'S BUILD YOUR NETWORK.



BROADBAND ROUTER
ED-BR6004+

- High-performance Internet access router
- Internet access via cable or xDSL
- Supports Firewall, Virtual Server and DMZ functions
- Supports VPN-PPTP/L2/IPSec Pass-through and PPTP client
- Supports Security and Access Control functions
- Supports special applications.

FAST ETHERNET SWITCH
ES-3116P

- Supports Auto-MDI/MDI-X
- Supports full-wire speed and flow control
- 10/100Mbps Auto negotiation and full/half duplex
- Compact size unit

GIGABIT ETHERNET ADAPTER
EN-9210TX-32

- Fully complies with IEEE802.3(u,ab & x) industry standards
- Supports NWay Auto-Negotiation, full/half-duplex
- Supports Web-based Management
- Supports 64-/32-bit, 66/33MHz PCI Bus
- Supports 10/100/1000Mbps traffic

THREE-PORT PRINT SERVER
PS-1202

- Easy Web-based installation and configuration
- Supports both peer-to-peer and server-based printing
- Supports Windows 95/98/Me/NT/2000 /XP, Netware (3.x and above) and Unix/Linux environments
- Supports DHCP Server/Clients

10/100 FAST ETHERNET ADAPTER
EN-9130-TXL

- Fully complies with IEEE802.3(u & x) industry standards
- Supports NWay Auto-Negotiation and full-duplex
- Supports Web-based Management
- Supports Wake-on-LAN

GIGABIT SMART SWITCH
ES-5224R+

- Supports full-wire speed and flow control
- Supports Auto-MDI/MDI-X
- Supports VLAN
- Supports Trunking
- Supports Quality-of-Service (QoS)
- Supports 10/100/1000Mbps traffic
- x2 Gigabit ports & x24 10/100Mbps switching ports

ONE PORT PRINT SERVER

- Easy Web-based installation and configuration
- Supports both peer-to-peer and server-based printing
- Supports Windows 95/98/Me/NT/2000 /XP, Netware (3.x and above) and Unix/Linux environments
- Supports DHCP Server/Clients
- Fault-tolerant firmware upgrades

Summaries using Excel's pivot table

By Jerry Liao

LET'S say you have a column with names of your clients or students and are repeated several times, and you want to create a summary report with the names appearing only once, and alongside it in another column is a tally of the number of times it appears in the database column. You can do this easily using Microsoft Excel's Pivot Table. Here's how:

(1) Open a new or an existing Excel worksheet.

(2) Type the names of your clients or students then highlight them or simply highlight the column containing the names with the title (e.g., A1: A10 with the heading in A1, see screenshot).

(3) Go to "Data" then "Pivot Table Report." The Pivot Table Wizard will be displayed.

(4) Choose "Microsoft Excel list or database" then click "Next 5." In our example, the range should contain \$A\$1:\$A\$10 or you can assign your own range then click "Next."

	A	B	C	D
1	Name		Count of Name	
2	Joyce		Name	Total
3	Ara		Ara	3
4	Patricia		Joyce	2
5	Klaudia		Klaudia	2
6	Ynez		Patricia	1
7	Ara		Ynez	1
8	Joyce		Grand Total	9
9	Klaudia			
10	Ara			

(5) Drag the heading (Name) to the "ROW" fields, and to the "DATA" fields then click "Next."

(6) Choose where you want your summary report to be displayed, either on a new worksheet or on the same worksheet then click "Finish."

For more tips, visit <http://www.brainshare.com.ph>.

We would like to invite our readers to join The Powertips Group. Simply register online at www.brainshare.com.ph/register.htm and receive free tips via e-mail. For your comments and suggestions, send your e-mail to infochat@mozcom.com

Suspected hacker posts bail

By Erwin Lemuel G. Oliva
INQ7.net

CEASAR Mañalac, the former employee of a local business school arrested last week by authorities on charges of alleged hacking and qualified theft, was given temporary freedom by the local courts after posting bail, a school official said.

Mañalac, former information technology support head of the Thames International Business School in San Juan, Metro Manila—a school run by the daughter of businessman Lucio Tan—was arrested on May 2 after a year-long pursuit by the National Bureau of Investigation's (NBI) Anti-Fraud and Computer Crimes Division.

Jaime Noel Santos, co-founder and director of Thames, said Mañalac posted a bail bond amounting to P90,000 on the night of May 3, or the day he was placed under custody.

He was arrested after Judge Elvira Pangniban of the Metropolitan Trial Court, Branch 58 of San Juan and Amelia Fabros of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 160 of Pasig City issued the warrants of arrest on May 2.

In a separate interview, however, Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr., co-author of the E-commerce Law (Republic Act 8792), told INQ7.net that Mañalac only posted a bail amounting to P12,000, which he said is too little considering the gravity of the cybercrime he committed.

"It is only a P12,000 bail—and that is even up

to the judge. I think the minimum is P100,000 and the maximum should be commensurate to the damage done. The one who posted the bail was able to convince the judge to give a low bail amount. It's a stupid implementation of the (E-commerce) law, which states that it should be P100,000," he said.

He added that the judge "should be culpable" and should provide explanation why the bail was set at that amount.

"Maybe the judge was not familiar with the law and the gravity of the crime," Magsaysay said.

Thames co-founder Santos was not available for comment when called up to clarify the matter.

In an earlier interview, however, Santos speculated that the courts based the amount of bail for cybercrime on how they understood the case and not on any existing law.

"I think there is a need to review our laws against hacking. They should put more teeth to it," Santos said.

If found guilty by the local courts, Mañalac, who is a computer science graduate and former dean of the Computer Science division of the Angeles University Foundation, would be the first Filipino who would be charged for violation of Section 33-A of the E-commerce Law.

Mañalac faces a minimum fine of P100,000 and "a maximum commensurate to the damage incurred by the plaintiff" and imprisonment of 6 months to 3 years, according to the law.

Munch and Abe . . .

From page B16

THRILL-O-METER
Oddworld (on the Xbox)

- 10 **Gameplay**—a mixture of the storyline, fun factor and creativity of the game
- 9 **Playability**—the control of the game and how its components form a logical whole
- 10 **Video**—a mixture of the graphics, rendering, animated movements, cutaway scenes and movies found in the game
- 9 **Audio**—the background music, voice characterization, sound effects and how they enhance the mood of the game
- 9 **Replay value**—is this a game you can and would want to play over and over again?
- 9 **Oomph**—that certain X-factor which makes you wanna own the game

9.3 TOTAL

nestle right there under the slig's butt and kept on zapping it till it went down.

Power-ups on Oddworld come in the form of vendo machines. Abe or Munch can go to these vending machines, drink a certain type of energy and try to complete the mission. They can drink power-ups that make them invisible, make them jump higher, make them run faster or make them bounce up high (try making Abe invisible, sneak up behind a slig, pick the slig up and throw it into the water).

At times, Abe can also possess enemies, which he can then order to kill his fellow sligs. Look out for these opportunities since Abe and Munch are basically defenseless and cannot inflict much harm on enemies.

All in all, Oddworld: Munch's Oddysee is an engaging game, has a lot of humor, has challenging missions and is one big puzzle composed of many other smaller ones. I beat the game in three nights while I had a fever, and I found myself waking up at 4 a.m. and playing the game again. It's that engaging, and that's also why we give it a 9.3 out of 10.

Leo Magno

HP to drop Compaq . . .

From page B15

Cruz, former chief of the local Compaq subsidiary, replaces the former HP head Raymund del Val, who has been chief of the local HP office for the past seven years. Cruz said Del Val is still with HP and "there is a lot of room for everybody."

In a paper detailing the new HP product roadmap, the company pointed out that "HP will become the master brand for all server products, but we will keep product families representing both companies."

"One of our most important objectives in planning the merger of HP and Compaq was to develop clear product roadmaps that take advantage of the significant and complementary strengths of both companies," the paper added.

It also noted that the company had to "make some difficult decisions about which products to keep, and which to retire."

The Compaq Proliant servers (an Intel 32-bit architecture offering), for instance, will be called HP Proliant servers.

The Compaq iPAQ, a Microsoft-based PocketPC handheld, will also be renamed HP iPAQ, while the Compaq NonStop server family—or the so-called fault-tolerant computers formerly known as Tandem before the com-

pany was bought by Compaq—will be called HP NonStop Server, according to Cruz.

Meanwhile, Cruz also acknowledged that the combined Philippine operations of the new HP would result in "redundant positions that will be reviewed" depending on the business needs of the combined local operations.

He declined to give further details.

In a separate interview, Rebecca Hautea-de la Vega, former integrated marketing commu-

nications and PR manager for Compaq Computer Philippines and now member of the integration process team for the merger, confirmed that some form of restructuring will be implemented.

De la Vega reiterated earlier global announcements that around 15,000 workers from both HP and Compaq worldwide would be relieved as a result of the merger.

"But we're hoping that it would be less," she added.

De la Vega said employees of the combined operations number 197. There are also 118 extended employees doing outsourcing work for both

Compaq and HP.

Cruz said the integration process would be completed within 90 to 100 days.

The HP-Compaq merger transaction was closed after an eight-month battle by its chief executive and chair Carly Fiorina against the heirs of one of the founders of Hewlett-Packard.



CRUZ

INVEST IN POWER & RELIABILITY WITH
DELL™ POWEREDGE™ SC & POWEREDGE™ SERVERS

DELL™ POWEREDGE™ 2500 SERVER
Advanced Workgroup Server
Intel® Pentium® III Processor 1.13GHz
(Dual Processor Capable)
• Rack-mount capable Minitor
• 512KB Internal L2 Cache/133MHz
• 256MB SDRAM With ECC (Upgradeable to 6GB)
• 18GB 10K Ultra160 SCSI Hard Drive
• 3.5" 1.44MB Diskette Drive/24X Max EIDE CD-ROM Drive
• Embedded Intel® Pro 100+ NIC
• Integrated Dual Channel Ultra3 (Ultra 160)
• SCSI Adapters AIC-7999
• Keyboard, 104keys (Optional)
• Dell™ Mouse (Optional)
• Integrated Dual Channel RAID Controller (Optional)
• 3-Year Warranty
(With 3-Year Next Business Day On-Site Service)

P221,500.00

DELL™ POWEREDGE™ 1500SC SERVER
You need an affordable, reliable business server that can grow with your needs. The Dell™ PowerEdge™ 1500SC delivers with hot-swap hard drives, available hot-swap power supplies and enough memory capacity to keep pace. This is a server you can depend on.

DELL™ POWEREDGE™ 1500SC SERVER
Value Workgroup Server
Intel® Pentium® III Processor 1.13GHz
(Dual Processor Capable)
• 512KB Internal L2 Cache/133MHz
• Minitor
• 128MB SDRAM With ECC (Upgradeable to 4GB)
• 18GB 10K Ultra160 Hot Plug SCSI Hard Drive
• 3.5" 1.44MB Diskette Drive
• 40X Max EIDE CD-ROM Drive
• Integrated Intel® Pro 1000 Gigabit NIC
• Integrated Dual Channel Ultra3 (Ultra 160) SCSI Adapters AIC-7999
• Integrated ATI XL Video Controller with 4MB of SDRAM
• 3-Year Limited Warranty (With 1-Year Next Business Day On-Site Service)

DELL™ POWEREDGE™ 4600 SERVER
High performance server with increased levels of availability and data protection. The New Dell™ PowerEdge™ 4600 incorporates new cutting edge technology for exceptional performance in memory intensive and high bandwidth applications. Whether your requirements are network infrastructure, collaborative data backup/recovery, research, security, streaming media or other demanding applications, the Dell™ PowerEdge™ 4600 is a powerful and cost effective solution.

DELL™ POWEREDGE™ 4600 SERVER
Departmental Server
Intel® Xeon™ Processor 1.8GHz
(Dual Processor Capable)
• Rack-mount capable Minitor
• 512KB Integrated L2 Cache/400MHz FSB
• 512MB DDR400 ECC SDRAM (Upgradeable to 12GB)
• 18GB 10K Ultra160 SCSI Hard Drive (up to 16x1" Hot Plug SCSI Hard Drives)
• 3.5" 1.44MB Diskette Drive
• 24X Max EIDE CD-ROM Drive
• Embedded Intel® Pro 1000+ and Broadcom Net Xtrams Gigabit NIC
• Integrated Dual Channel Ultra3 (Ultra 160) SCSI Adapters AIC-7999
• Integrated Dual Channel RAID Controller (Optional)
• Dell™ Mouse/Keyboard 104keys (Optional)
• Optional Embedded RAID with 128MB of battery-backed Cache
• 6x84 bit/100MHz Hot-Plug PCI - X Slot & 1x32bit/33MHz PCI
• 3-Year Warranty
(With 3-Year Next Business Day On-Site Service)

DELL™ POWEREDGE™ 6400 SERVER
Inexpensive, entry-level server ideal for first-time server purchasers or those currently using a desktop for networking. A great solution for customers needing the ease of management and operating system support of a server, but without complex features or a big price tag.

DELL™ POWEREDGE™ 6400 SERVER
Entry-level Server
Intel® Pentium® III Xeon™ Processor 700MHz/1MB (Dual Processor Capable)
• Rack-mount capable Minitor
• 1MB On-Die L2 Cache/100MHz FSB
• 512MB (4x128) SDRAM With ECC (Upgradeable to 8GB)
• 18GB 10K Ultra 160 SCSI Hard Drive
• Keyboard, 104keys (Optional)
• Dell™ Mouse (Optional)
• 3.5" 1.44MB Diskette Drive
• 40X Max EIDE CD-ROM Drive
• Intel® Pro 100S, V5.2
• Integrated Dual Ultra 3 (Ultra 160) SCSI Adapters AIC-7999
• 3-Year Warranty (With 3-Year Next Business Day On-Site Service)

Accent Micro Technologies, Inc.

Manila: Suite 1408 14F Antel Global Corporate Center, Julia Vargas Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City
Cebu: Suite 705 7F Golden Peak Tower, Gorordo Ave., cor. N. Escario St. Cebu City
E-mail: sales@amtl.com.ph



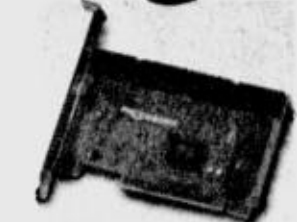
DELL'S NORMAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY AND ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE OR UPON REQUEST. Pricing, specifications and availability subject to change without notice. All efforts will be made to check for errors in typographical and photographic; however, Dell is not responsible for errors. Dell, the Dell logo and PowerEdge are registered trademarks or trademarks of Dell Computer Corporation. Microsoft and Windows are either registered trademarks or trademarks of Microsoft Corporation in the United States and/or other countries. Intel, the Intel Inside Logo, Pentium, Pentium II, Xeon and Intel Xeon are trademarks or registered trademarks of Intel Corporation or its subsidiaries in the United States and other countries. Other trademarks and trade names may be used in this document to refer to either the entities claiming marks and names or their products. Dell disclaims proprietary interest in the marks and names of others. Copyright 2001 Dell Computer Corporation. All rights reserved.

PROMISE
TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Promise Technologies Inc, always at the forefront of ATA controllers, has launched a slew of high-performance ATA RAID systems which use conventional IDE disk drives, bringing the cost down to a just a third of what a comparable SCSI system would set you back. RAID is now being brought into the mainstream; the SMARAIID card is, after all, cheaper than a high-end graphics card. The game enthusiast wanting faster speeds out of his drives, the SOHO owner looking to safeguard his data, the graphic artist working on large files...these are some of the people most likely to benefit from Promise's technology. While most definitely cheaper, Promise's RAID devices do not sacrifice quality for a low Total Cost of Ownership. With more than 5 million ATA solutions already up and running, you can be sure that Promise products and subsystems will deliver data without glitches and errors.

WHEN HARD-DRIVE FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION. RAID 0, 1!

SMARAIID



- RAID 0 performance speeds A/V editing, graphics, imaging and CAD
- RAID 1 redundancy for entry-level networks, critical data environments
- Boosts latest Ultra ATA/100 drives far beyond SCSI 160 performance
- Also speeds up onboard ATA and SCSI drives up to 40%*

SUPER
SWAP

- Allows "hot swapping" of Ultra ATA drives under RAID 1 or 5 with Promise ATA RAID without powering down the system
- Permits continuous PC operation when used with Promise ATA RAID controller cards
- Protects electronic components during drive replacement
- Housing uses standard 5.25" drive bay

No. 7, Francisco Court, 1st Street, New Manila, Quezon City
Tel. Nos. 727-6449 727-6142 727-6217 Fax: 727-6241
Visit us at: www.pctrends.com.ph Email to: sales@pctrends.com.ph
You may also visit www.promise.com Available at all leading computer stores



BUSINESS

Landbank creates bad assets group

By Christine A. Gaylican

LAND Bank of the Philippines has created an "asset recovery group" to better manage its non-performing assets.

In a news briefing last week, Landbank president Margarito Teves said the bank was compelled to create an asset recovery group to control its ballooning

non-performing loans.

Landbank has one of the highest NPL-to-portfolio ratio in the industry. Out of all the loans it has extended, about 22 percent are regarded as "bad" loans as of the first quarter of the year.

This figure is well above the industry's average ratio of 18.4 percent.

"We are working hard to pull

down our NPL ratio within industry levels," Teves told reporters.

Landbank's non-performing assets were worth about P39.2 billion last year, 4 percent above the previous year's P37.7 billion. About P26.8 billion of these are non-performing loans while the rest consist of real and other properties owned and acquired,

or Ropoa.

Teves said Landbank would closely monitor all its accounts so it could act early on problems that might arise and pursue a proactive approach on restructuring past-due accounts.

"We will also intensify collection efforts and phase down potential problem accounts," he added.

Six foreign groups expressed interest early this year on the planned sale of as much as P20 billion worth of bad assets held by Landbank.

Cerberus Ltd., Lone Star Asia-Pacific Investment Ltd., Lehman Brothers, Deutsche Bank AG, JP Morgan Chase & Co. and Bank of America sent offers concerning Landbank's bad assets.

Some offered to serve as an advisor while others wanted to become Landbank's partner in the setting up of an asset management company.

Teves said Cerberus, Lone Star and Lehman Brothers informed Landbank that they had as much as \$1 billion that they could use to acquire the government financial institution's bad assets.

HGC names underwriters of planned P5-B bond float

By Elena R. Torrijos

STATE-OWNED Home Guaranty Corp. has appointed First Metro Investments Corp. to take the lead in underwriting the state housing agency's planned P5-billion zero-coupon bond issue, a government official said.

HGC, together with First Metro, will firm up the planned issue when it gets the President's approval. Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, the Monetary Board and the finance department have already endorsed the bond issue to President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Proceeds will be used to meet part of the government housing agency's maturing obligations this year worth P7 billion. Portion of the proceeds will also be used for the disposal of the agency's non-performing assets and for additional actuarial reserves.

The bonds will be covered by

an unconditional sovereign guarantee and are eligible for agrifra law compliance. Market participants hope the bonds will be scrippless.

HGC reportedly needs to issue the bonds to meet its guaranty commitments in light of the failure of the government to infuse into the agency the level of capital mandated by the law.

If it pushes through, the planned zero-coupon bonds would be the second such instrument to be issued by the government or government agency. The first was the controversial PEACE bonds.

Also involved in the planned issue is BDO Capital, a co-lead underwriter; ABN Amro, arranger and Multinational Bancorp, also a co-lead underwriter.

HGC got into dire financial straits after guaranteeing large government housing projects that turned sour.

SEC seen exempting ADB peso bond issue

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Commission is looking at exempting the Asian Development Bank's planned peso-denominated bond offering from its registration requirements.

In a letter to Assistant Finance Secretary Roberto Tan on Tuesday, Bautista said the ADB's proposed bond issue did not squarely fit into any provision of the Securities Regulation Code that would exempt it from the SEC's registration requirements.

Bautista said the nearest applicable provision would be that referring to "a security issued by the government of any country with which the Philippines maintains diplomatic relations," but the ADB is a multilateral agency consisting of several Asian countries.

Bautista said, however, that under Sections 8 and 12 of the Securities Regulation Code, the SEC could "classify persons, securities and other matters within its jurisdiction or prescribe different requirements for different classes of persons, securities or matters and by rule or order conditionally or unconditionally grant exemptions from any or all provisions" of the law.

"As a condition for the said grant of exemption, the ADB shall be required to submit with this commission the documents containing the terms and conditions of the offer once it files its written request for exemption," she said.

A School That Nurtures Your Child So He May Reach His Full Potential.

Reedley International School

Integrating the best of Singaporean and American curricula from elementary to high school and now even IPS level.

- Excellent program combining Singaporeans' high standards in Math & Sciences and Americans' exceptional communication skills
- Low teacher: student ratio for better classroom interaction
- Air-conditioned classrooms
- A coed international school
- Nurturing atmosphere, encouraging students to grow as creative and critical thinkers with developed social and leadership skills
- Solid academic foundation in preparation for further studies here or abroad

ENROLLMENT NOW ONGOING FOR:

IPS - Introduction to
Primary Schooling (Preparatory Level)
Grades 1 - 4 (Lower School)
Grades 5 - 7 (Middle School)
Grades 9 - 12 (Upper School)



Pasig Boulevard cor. Rosemarie Lane, Pasig City
Telephone: 671-8982 to 85
Email: reedley@asiagate.net

Break into Style

COROLLA ALTIS

Break on through. It's not all flash and hype. Because the real bragging rights of the Corolla Altis are not just those that you can plainly see. Caged within is the VVT-i engine. Brawn coupled with brains. More than just your textbook definition of power. With the Corolla Altis, what you get is more than what you see.

TOYOTA

NEC VT 45
Award Winning Entry Level Portable Projector
Pixelone Multimedia Company
Tel: 726-8188 Fax: 727-9718 Email: pixelone@info.com.ph

MONDAY
MAY 13, 2002

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

BUSINESSMonday

Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino



EIKI

MULTIMEDIA PROJECTOR
Made in Japan

A wide range of models
to meet your every need

AV SALES & RENTALS
DESIGN
SYSTEM INTEGRATION

The Brain Computer Corporation
Your One Stop Audiovisual Shop!

Tel Nos.: 722-8843/ 722-8845/727-9803/ 721-2466
721-2451 E-Mail: brain@mozcom.com

New PNB head makes recovery sweeter the second time around

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE INK has dried. The speeches delivered. The toasts made.

Now that the rehabilitation plan has been put in place, the question looms. Is the Philippine National Bank finally on a smooth path to recovery or is it doomed to stumble once again?

Doubts remain as to whether the financial package for PNB would be enough to avoid a need for another capital-raising exercise. Similarly, skeptics wonder whether any power sharing between tobacco magnate Lucio Tan and the government would prosper.

Since 1916, the country's sixth largest bank



TAN

has played a key role in the country's economic history and development, but has also suffered huge losses that entailed large bailouts from government.

A factor to consider now, though, is the bank's new leadership.

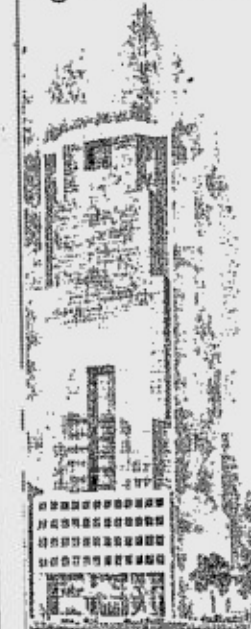
Though replaced as president and chief operating officer of United Coconut Planters Bank, 40-year-old Lorenzo Tan earned enough respect in the financial industry to merit being given a second chance by government.

In the United States where he lived for some time, Tan was involved in drafting pro-

NEW/ C2

free WEB DESIGN
INTERNET FOR SMALL BUSINESS
Call: 891 3412
www.webnetph.com
Domain Name Registration
Web Hosting
E-mail Account
Website Maintenance
Website promotion & Marketing
e-Business Consultancy

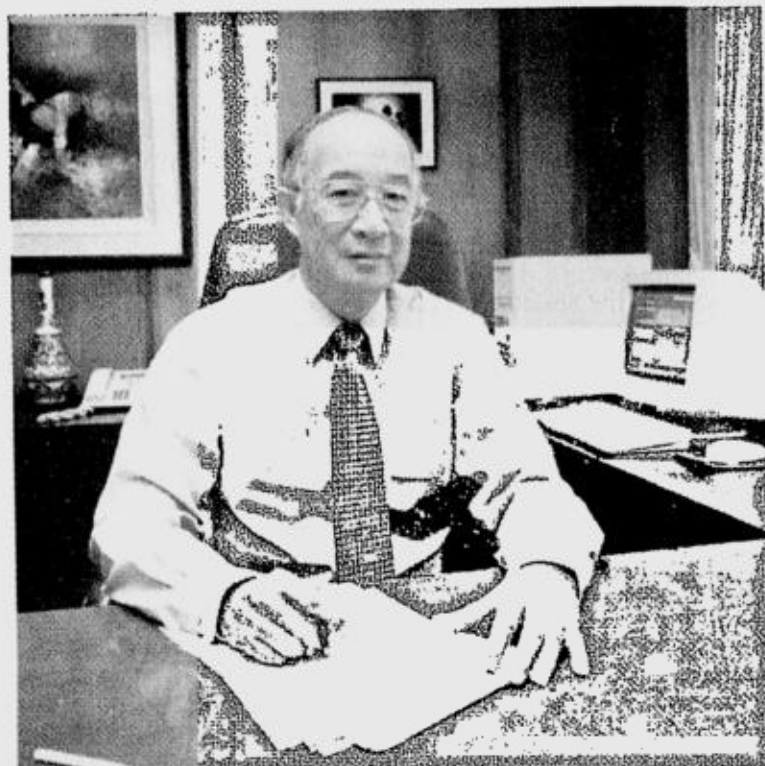
Your Prestigious Business Address
right at the heart of Makati CBD.



- * Prime units for lease at reasonable rates.
- * Neighbor to major Financial Institutions and 5-Star Hotels.
- * Floor Areas:
Quadrant - 173-195 sq. M.
Half unit - 383 sq. M.
Whole unit - 788 sq. M.
- * 100% Power back-up
- * Amenities:
Helipad at rooftop
Restaurants

139
CORPORATE CENTER
139 Valero St.,
Salcedo Village, Makati City

CALL US NOW!
813-8331/750-1285
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.



DISINI always wants to strike gold.

Mining exec takes time out to do dirty work

By Christine A. Gaylican

THE SILENT but powerful leader, behind the Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company does not mind literally doing the dirty work himself, such as going underground to the mine site, as long as problems are solved.

MANAGEMENT STYLES



Artemio F. Disini, president of Lepanto Consolidated, does not mind taking off his manager's hat and replacing it with a miner's safety hat to personally inspect the company's mine in Mankayan, Benguet.

A self-professed hands-on manager, his 29-year stint at Lepanto is highlighted by the discovery of the extensive Victoria gold deposit in Mankayan, Benguet in 1995. The timely find of this world-class deposit rescued the company from further losses.

After a record-18-month underground mine development and a four-month construction of its processing plant, the Victoria Gold project started commercial production in March 1997 with the completion of its 2,500-ton carbon-in-pulp plant, considered one of the largest in the country today.

Under his watch, Lepanto struck another gold mine in Far Southeast project, which could be a viable mining site for the next 15 years.

Despite these large finds, Disini feels that these are not yet enough of a legacy.

"I hope to find two more mines before I retire," says the executive often described as a workaholic.

Though the local mining industry has been plagued with problems, Disini believes that there is great potential in the industry that remains to be tapped.

"Mining companies need to strengthen their community and social relations to minimize conflicts and build better relations with people," says Disini.

He explains that respect for the community's values should also be prioritized. "Respecting their cultural values may not be so bad for the project especially if you would end up working with cultural minorities," Disini explains.

In the Mankayan, Benguet site, for instance, women are prohibited from going underground because of the belief that the *kabunian*, or goddess guarding the mines, is a woman.

"The people believe that the *kabunian* gets jealous when women go underground. They said they could cause accidents for the miners. We have been following this ever since," he says.

Disini grew up as a child of the mountains in Baguio, which led to his love for the mines.

"My parents are teachers, but I did not follow their path. Instead, I created my own and followed my interest in geology," Disini says.

Disini traces his career to the halls of the University of Philippines where he obtained his bachelor's degree in mining engineering in 1962 and his masters degree in business administration three years after.

MINING/ C2

The Asian Eye at Rockwell. A medical center for your eyes only.



Refractive surgery



Cataract



Diabetic retinopathy



Glaucoma



Children's eye diseases



Corneal transplant



Retinal detachment



Cross-eyed



Macular degeneration



Uveitis



Eyelid surgery



Astigmatism

The Asian Eye Institute is the place to go to if you need specialized treatment or surgery for your eyes. Because all we do and think about are your eyes.

Harvard-trained eye doctors

Asian Eye counts on some of the finest Filipino ophthalmologists practicing today. They are fellowship graduates of the Harvard Medical School. They were handpicked by the Center's medical director, the eminent Filipino-American ophthalmologist, Dr. Felipe I. Tolentino.

Diverse specialties and surgical skills

The Asian Eye medical team comes with the priceless combination of talent, expertise and experience—putting at your service diverse specialties and a wide range of surgical skills, all under one roof.

What's your eye problem?

Above is a list of some of the more common eye conditions and procedures we handle. If your vision is not as good as it used to be, you may have an eye problem. Visit the Asian Eye and let us take care of it... using the latest diagnostic, laser and surgical equipment.

State-of-the-art equipment

Asian Eye's facilities are world-class. The equipment are state-of-the-art. And the Center takes pride in its caring, well-trained staff chosen for their thoroughness and dedication.

Do your eyes a favor. Visit us at the Asian Eye in Rockwell.



A whole new world of eye care

For your convenience, please call us at least one day in advance for an appointment.

Clinic days and hours: Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., except Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

9th and 10th Floors, Phinma Plaza, Rockwell Center, Makati City • Tel. (632) 898-2020 • Email: eyehelp@asianeyeinstitute.com • Website: www.asianeyeinstitute.com



Make Maybank your bank.



Member PDIC. Deposits insured up to P100,000.

- One of the top 130 banks in the world
- Among the top 20 banks in Asia
- Backed by over US\$39 billion in assets
- Present in major countries overseas with over 500 branches and representative offices worldwide
- The largest bank in Malaysia



Maybank

Best Bank in Malaysia
Euromoney Awards for Excellence 2001

Visit any of our over 50 branches nationwide
or call 521-7451.
www.maybank2u.com

Fiscal policy: The weak link

HERE is the situation. For the past two years, government has been running budget deficits of nearly 4 percent of GNP.

Despite efforts to curb spending, government's inability to raise enough revenues led it to borrow heavily to meet funding requirements. With the economy growing at low rates, government's stock of debt as a percentage of GNP kept rising.

From 51 percent of GNP in 1998, the national government debt stock grew to 59 percent in 2000 and further to 64 percent by 2001.

Clearly, the situation is not sustainable. As its stock of debt grows, government's debt servicing requirements increase necessitating more borrowings and higher interest payments and even more borrowings to meet the higher debt payments and so on until the government is trapped in a vicious cycle where the fiscal deficit feeds on itself.

The present situation of low interest, low inflation and external balance is compatible with high fiscal deficits only because demand from the private sector is weak at this time, a situation that we all hope is temporary.

The World Bank, in its recently published "Philippines: Development Policy Review", estimates that under a scenario where economic growth is higher than the real interest rate (5 percent growth vs. 3 percent interest rate), government needs only strive for a modest primary sur-

plus of 2 percent to reverse the deterioration in its debt to GNP ratio.

Primary surplus refers to the fiscal balance before deducting interest payments.

What to do?

So what can government do to achieve a primary surplus that would reduce the debt-GNP ratio?

Unfortunately, further expenditure reduction is not a real option. As a percentage of GNP and excluding interest payments, Philippine government expenditures are already low compared to our Asian neighbors.

Previous years' efforts to control the deficit saw government sacrificing critical capital expenditures to the detriment of the country's infrastructure facilities.

At the same time and at a more practical level, the Department of Finance (DoF) estimates that after taking out amounts earmarked for debt service, salaries of civil servants and allocation to local governments, less than 10 percent of this year's budget (or some P70 to P80 billion) remain for government discretionary spending.

Included in this P70-P80 billion is national government capital outlay.

Without the option to cut expenditures further, government has to find the solution to its fiscal problem on the revenue side. The culprit is obvious.

Government's tax effort has declined from a high of 16 per-

MAPPING THE FUTURE

By Romeo L. Bernardo



cent in 1997 to only 12.7 percent in 2001, the lowest level since 1988. Behind this decline is a host of factors, partly cyclical but more worryingly, also structural. The latter can be traced to:

(a) the steady reduction in tariffs in line with the WTO and other regional trade agreements which has led to a 0.7 percent of GNP decline in import duties between 1997 and 2001,

(b) failure to adjust excise taxes (which are based on some physical unit of measurement) for inflation resulting in an equivalent 0.7 percent of GNP drop in excise taxes from 1997 to 2001; and

(c) tax incentives given to the more dynamic sectors of the economy, the major growth drivers in recent years.

Tax adjustments

While tariff reduction is good, the same cannot be said of the erosion in excise tax revenues. Unit excise taxes on alcohol, tobacco and petroleum products were legislated as part of the Tax Reform Act of 1997. The law provided for a 12 percent adjustment in tax rates on alcohol and tobacco products which was implemented in 2000. Although the

adjustment was not sufficient to bring the unit rates back to their 1997 values, it was better than in the case of petroleum products where no adjustment on the unit tax rates was made since 1997.

The DoF estimates that indexing the oil tax to inflation means a 46.8 percent adjustment in the unit taxes this year. This will allow the BIR to collect P13 billion in additional taxes over and above the P28 billion excise taxes on petroleum products collected in 2001.

Adjustments on unit tax rates applied to alcohol and tobacco products are similarly required, albeit by a smaller percentage given the earlier rate increase.

Indexation of excise taxes alone, however, is not expected to bring the tax effort back to the 16 percent achieved in 1997. Other measures are thus called for. Among these are:

(a) increasing energy taxes over and above any adjustments from inflation indexation. Having higher energy taxes is desirable since these are very progressive and are easy to collect and can be earmarked to related needed expenditures for social acceptability (e.g., roads and other infrastructure, or health)

(b) increasing VAT rates

(c) rationalizing tax incentives and minimizing expansion of current incentives

But ultimately, improving tax administration remains key to raising the tax effort. Among

laudable initiatives being pursued at the BIR include its computerization and a performance-based compensation scheme for its personnel.

Long-term challenge

The longer-term challenge to fiscal sustainability is to reduce fiscal risk. The current fiscal and budgeting framework, which is based on an annual cash budget, can be disruptive, exposing government to sudden additional resource demands related to its various contingent obligations (e.g., unfunded pension debt, various guarantees on GOCC debts and risks under BOT contracts, deposit insurance and bank failures, etc.).

Even more basic, the current framework lacks transparency and eschews fiscal discipline, enabling government to delay to the future reporting of liabilities incurred today. (Dr. Rosario Manasan of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies wrote a paper, available on the PIDS website, on how assessment of fiscal sustainability is made difficult by government's "creative" financing schemes.)

The road to fiscal sustainability thus requires government to move towards long-term fiscal planning and budgeting to increase fiscal transparency and discipline. This necessitates adopting accrual accounting to force government to recognize liabilities in the period when the

cost is incurred and not when cash is paid out.

Fiscal stability also requires government to develop and operate over time a system for managing the risks it is exposed to when it takes on contingent debts. This means developing risk assessment methodologies, provisioning for these risks and monitoring them.

It also means removing automatic guarantees granted under the charters of several GOCCs and mandating all applications for guarantees to go through the DoF. Perhaps, government should go a step further and assess which of the GOCCs and GFIs can be off-loaded to the private sector, thus limiting provision of scarce government guarantees to the remaining corporations that require them.

The task is daunting but the country's economic managers (NEDA, DoF, DBM and COA) appear to be up to the challenge. Among reforms underway include the establishment of a medium-term expenditure framework, shifting to an accrual accounting system, and incorporating contingent liabilities into the budget process.

(This article reflects the personal opinion of the author who is a member of the Management Association of the Philippines and managing director of Laszaro Bernardo Tiu and Associates. The MAP Secretariat and the author may be reached via mapsec@globenet.com.ph)

Merger banks have trouble Mining exec . . . selling their own firms

NEW YORK—Signs of the slowdown in corporate merger activity are everywhere these days, from the massive layoffs on Wall Street to the bankers and lawyers who again have time to meet for lunch.

One of the most glaring signs: Investment banks that have hung up "For Sale" signs can't find any buyers, not even at a bargain price.

At least two specialty investment banks—Broadview International and Robertson Stephens—already are on the selling block, and industry experts said more could follow as institutions reexamine their rationale for being in the investment banking business in the first place.

"I think what everyone is seeing is that the consumer and retail side of the banking business is pretty attractive again because the institutional side is tough," said one investment banker who specializes in financial institutional group M&A.

"I don't think anyone can figure out who's going to be the buyer for somebody like Robertson Stephens, but I'm sure they would take a very low price," said the banker, who asked not to be named.

With so many banks competing for so few deals, large investment houses are bumping into each other over small transactions they never would have considered before.

One banker was shocked recently to find Goldman Sachs Group representing a potential buyer of an asset management firm worth about \$50 million. In the past, the investment bank wouldn't go near such a small transaction.

But difficult times have necessitated drastic actions. First-quarter US merger volume failed to break the \$100 billion mark for the first time since the first quarter of 1995 and was off 84 percent from the same period two years ago, according to Thomson Financial Corp.

The dearth of deals is pushing some niche players to the brink of extinction as larger players muscle in on their traditional turf.

"The big guys are just really moving down-market and just crushing the little guys," said Tom Burnett, director of Merger Insight, a New York-based M&A research and analysis firm. "If you can have a CSFB on your deal instead of one of the smaller, regional guys, you're going to do it."

That's one reason why the list of potential buyers for both Broadview and Robertson Stephens is thin. Both are "boutiques" that thrived off the plethora of technology mergers and initial public offerings in the late 1990s, but have seen their business slow to a trickle amid the current market slump. **Reuters**

From page C1

After college, Disini worked as a miner for Benguet Corp. with a salary of only P8.60 a day. His first job required him to work almost the whole week to get his pay.

"After a year, I was selected to be the *kapatag* (supervisor) at the mines. I learned from these experiences that one needs to be at the mine site to be updated of developments and troubleshoot problems," notes Disini.

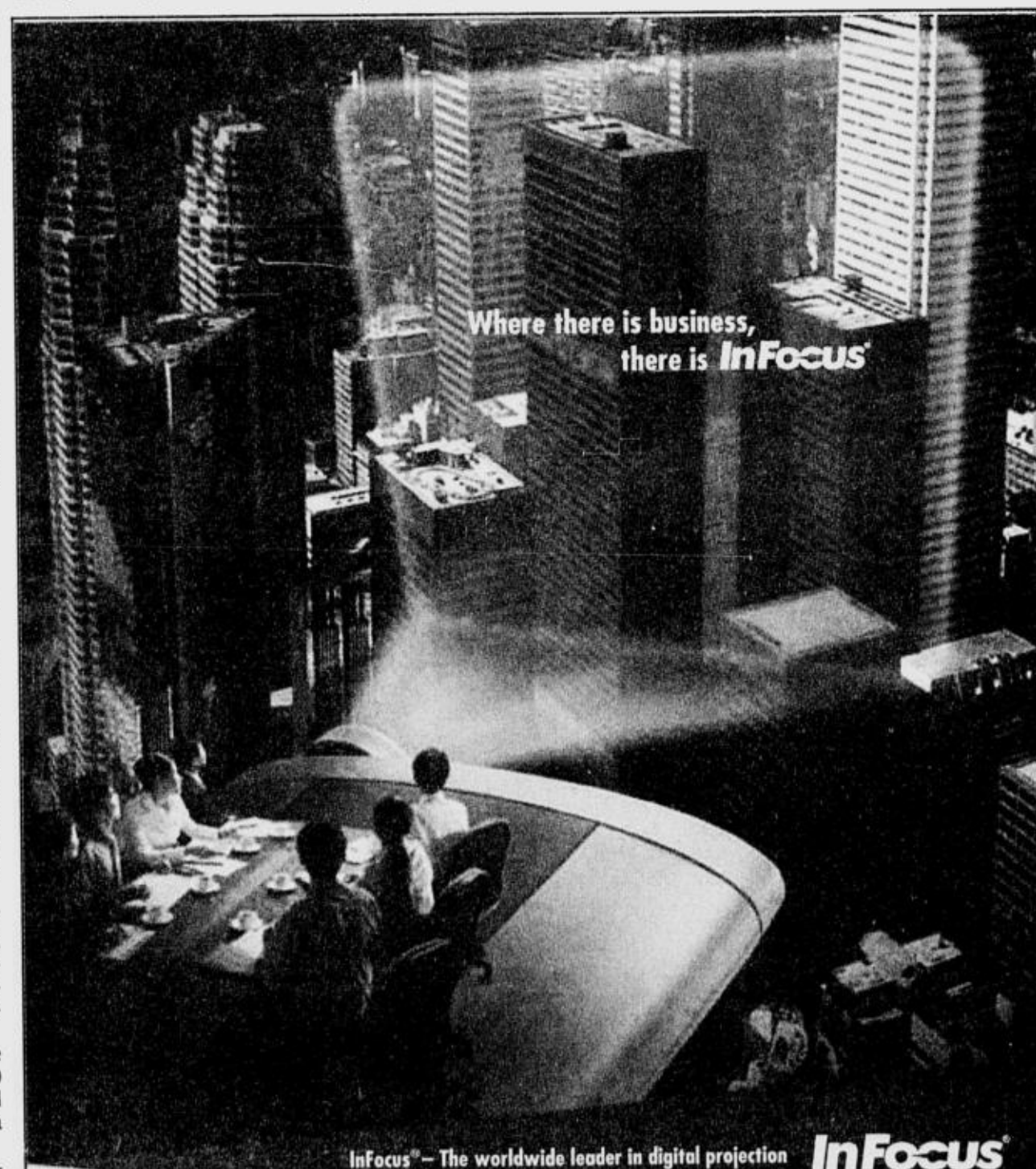
After Benguet, he worked in Itogon-Suyoc Mines Inc, then in Engineering Equipment Inc. and finally in Lepanto where he became resident manager of the mine division, going up the ranks to become president.

Though in his 60s, Disini is still very much a health buff, Disini does not look his age as he still engages in sports activities like the marathon, golf and scuba diving.

He says he used to be a serious photographer, taking more than a

thousand photos of his three children while they were growing up. His love for photography could be seen in the company's annual photography contest for both amateurs and professionals.

"They say that you have already lived a fulfilled life if you have already sired a son, ran a marathon and have written a book. The third one I am currently working on, which is a history of the company (Lepanto)," Disini adds.



InFocus® - The worldwide leader in digital projection

InFocus®

InFocus® LP530 Digital Projector: Turn meetings into spectacular presentations

As one of the world's leading projection device makers, InFocus is committed to creating products at the very forefront of technology. Through continuous research and innovation, InFocus has become one of the most awarded brands for both product design and performance.

So for your best business presentation, look no further than InFocus. With a wide range of compact projectors providing the unique features of plug-and-play and realistic visual reproduction, InFocus is the best choice to project the right image for your business.

LP530 the next generation of projectors

- Brilliant images at 2000 lumens
- Native XGA resolution
- Perfectly portable at only 2.6 kg.
- Powerful standard features include keystone correction, multiple brightness modes and Faroudja video
- Expansion module (optional) accepts input from TWO computers and THREE video sources.

Exclusive Distributor & Service Provider:

better solutions
AMERICAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
url: www.atu.com.ph • e-mail: inquire@atu.com.ph
Tel: 723-0601 • Fax: 723-7951

International Limited Warranty: Two years on parts and labor. For a free demo of the LP530 and/or other models, Philippines: Exclusive InFocus/InCare Program. call 723-0601 or visit www.infocus.com

From page C1

grams to help distressed companies.

Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho says that Tan was just one of three bankers that the government nominated for the PNB post.

In a briefing Friday, the former US-based Citibank executive excitedly bared a strategy to bring the bank back to financial health, specifically in at least three years or by the time his management contract ends.

Speaking as chief executive as well as president, Tan projected that PNB would lower its losses to P2.7 billion this year before making a turnaround through aggressive sale of assets and reliance on technology to leverage its large remittance business.

"Great franchises can be turned around but you must have a long-term strategy that will give you competitive advantage. You can create a banking product today and you may have an advantage for six months but after that the competition will just copy it and you've lost your advantage. But what you need is a strategic investment in technology and people so you can come up with new products that are hard to match," Tan said.

His main strategy for PNB is to divide the bank into a "good bank" and "bad bank" wherein the latter would house the bank's bad assets that would have to be managed and then sold off.

PNB has about P25 billion in real and other property owned and acquired as well as P47 billion in non-performing loans. Tan hopes to cut the bank's NPL ratio from 49 percent to 39 percent by the end of the year.

He is also considering the brave move to sell the bank's 85,000-sq.-meter headquarters at the corner of Roxas Blvd. and Sen. Gil Puyat Ave.

He points out that when US-based multinationals IBM and Citibank were in distress, they also sold their head office buildings. PNB could either rent space from the new buyer of the building or move to somewhere smaller and less expensive.

Several groups have already expressed interest in the PNB headquarters, which has an

appraised value of about P10 billion, he discloses.

PNB would develop its "good bank" by improving the volume of remittances, which amounted to \$3.2 billion last year.

"In businesses where you think you have strengths, you have to keep raising the bar so people will deliver more. Like remittance, we're No. 1, we have a 33-percent market share. I think we can easily push it up to 50 percent but we must really use technology. These people (OFWs) cannot keep filling up forms, standing in long lines. There must be a better way to give it to them," Tan notes.

With 324 branches nationwide and 77 branches and remittance offices overseas, Tan notes that the bank is well-positioned to leverage off its extensive network by offering insurance and other types of products to customers.

Also under his strategy, Tan aims to raise the bank's base of low-cost deposits from P50 billion to P60 billion in the next two years and increase the number of depositors to 5 million from around 3 million.

Tan's projections assume that the rehabilitation agreement signed by the Lucio Tan group and the government early this month would hold true.

Under the agreement, the outstanding P23.9 billion of advances to PNB by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. would be settled through: a dacion en pago or payment in kind of P10 billion in government loans, the conversion of P7.8 billion in debt into convertible preferred shares at P40 per share and the restructuring of the remaining debt.

These plans immediately increases PNB's capital base to P22 billion and reduces the bank's NPL ratio to roughly 45 percent from 49 percent.

With equal shares of 45 percent each, Tan's group and the government will share management control of the bank.

In this light, Tan may also have to come up with detailed strategy on how to deal with two groups of shareholders that may not see eye-to-eye.

'For-profit' colleges find education pays dividends

NEW YORK—With college tuition fees going through the roof, the private sector is getting more serious about the business of education—and students, parents and Wall Street are taking notice.

Not only are "for-profit" colleges offering new choices in higher education fields like business or computers, but they are also becoming attractive investments.

Commercially-run education companies, a relatively recent phenomenon in America, are Wall Street favorites right now as more Americans are going back to school to earn degrees they hope will get them better-paying jobs as the economy rebounds from the "dot-com bubble" burst and the ensuing recession.

Last Friday, Lehman Brothers analyst Gary Bisbee initiated coverage of three companies—Apollo Group Inc., Career Education Corp. and DeVry Inc.

That same day, Strayer Education Inc., which operates university campuses in Washington, Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina, said first-quarter earnings fell less than expected as enrollment rose.

The news prompted Strayer to raise its profit outlook for the second quarter and full year, as its stock jumped nearly 8 percent to an all-time high on the Nasdaq.

Bisbee said Apollo, which administers educational programs for working adults including University of Phoenix Online is "the unquestioned market leader and is uniquely positioned within a thriving industry."

He said the company could generate 25-percent earnings per share growth over the next five years.

Hottest demand

And last month, Corinthian Colleges Inc., which operates 61 colleges in 20 states, said income rose 55 percent as student enrollment and online courses grew. The company said revenue surged 35 percent and it expected fourth-quarter and full-year revenues to rise 35 percent to 37 percent.

Corinthian operates career-oriented schools under various names, like Everest College in Phoenix, Ariz., offering such courses as accounting and criminal justice administration, or the Olympia Career Training Institute in Kalamazoo, Mich., where students can get a degree in massage therapy or as a dental assistant.

Gerald Odening, education analyst at JP Morgan, said the demand for bachelor's and master's degrees for working adults is "the hottest demand area in the education industry," even if they don't quite have the cachet of a degree from a Harvard or Yale.

"Non-profits (traditional state universities or private colleges) continue to tinker with online delivery and also flexible campus-online courses, but they are way behind."

In fact, the online college, in which students can earn a degree by attending virtual colleges, has become the lucrative preserve of the for-profits, as traditional bricks-and-mortar schools, such as New York University or Temple University abandoned online projects.

Traditional schools have been reluctant to invest in new ventures at a time when funding sources are drying up. Publicly funded schools are facing state budget pullbacks and endowments for private universities have fallen with the value of their Wall Street portfolios.

Mark Farano, with First Analysis, in Chicago said Strayer and Apollo have been good at targeting their audience: "They serve the same white-collar, working adult population. They specialize in serving students who want to complete a bachelor's degree that they started somewhere else at an earlier point in their life. They both emphasize locations close to the office or home, and online as well."

That shift in focus to more mature students, who work for a living, was echoed by Greg Cappelli, an analyst with Credit Suisse First

Boston in Chicago.

"There's an 80-percent income differential between having a degree and not having one," he said, explaining why many Americans go back to school during their careers or take night classes or study for a degree online.

"It's not just the burst in the tech bubble," he told Reuters. "There has been an overall change in the

economy over the last two decades, from manufacturing to services and technology. So there is a big need for retraining."

In many cases, Cappelli said, companies pay for their employees to improve themselves.

Not to duplicate Amherst

Henry Levin, professor of economics and education at Colum-

bia University's Teacher's College, said commercially run schools are successful because they have a better understanding of the market and do it in a relatively low-cost way.

"They are not trying to duplicate Amherst," he said, referring to the prestigious Massachusetts liberal arts college. They get less criticism from the (academic)

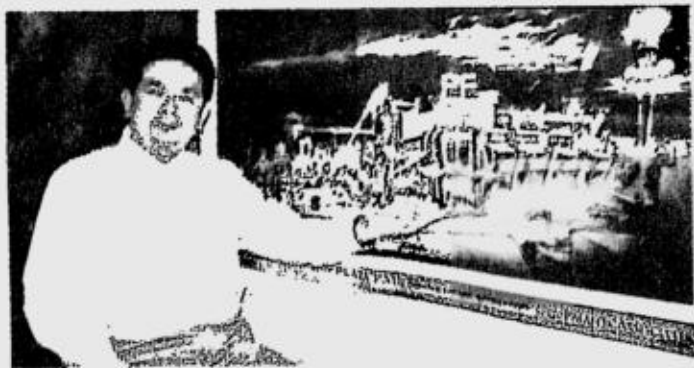
establishment, since they are not competing with them, said Levin.

"Apollo has discovered a combination of packaging that works for people who are employed and a bit older. (People) Who want to take fixed courses because they work full-time and need easy access, or parking or child-care."

Reuters



Dito ka lang pwedeng mangaliwa.



DANNY VELASCO of Plaza Fair poses beside design of the new Plaza Fair in Cagayan de Oro City which was unveiled last week.

New mall up in C. De Oro

PLAZA Fair Department Store, the pioneer Manila-based retail store, is expanding its area of operations to meet the increasing needs and demands of the northern Mindanao market.

Plaza Fair Cagayan de Oro, strategically located in the heart of the city, will offer a complete line of department store goods, pharmaceuticals and a wide selection of super-market items, fashion clothing and accessories in tune with the Manila trends.

For the past 10 years, Plaza Fair has been a proud contributor to the development of the city. It sees further growth with the new development thrust of the government.

The new Plaza Fair Cagayan de Oro store concept designed by architectural firm Palafox and Associates was unveiled last week.

The façade of the new Plaza Fair store fronts Rosario Crescent Street, Limketkai Mall, Cagayan de Oro City.



According to road safety regulations, the left side of any lane is safest for motorcycles. Dahil sa kaliwa, mas madali kang makita ng ibang motorista sa salamin. Use the left side of your lane para walang sabit. Aminin mo pa kay misis.

Isang padala to RIDE RIGHT from ADVANCE and 2 TRIPLE



Raising working capital will only take 15 minutes.

Loan-on-Phone through Citibank. Tawag na sa 423-3333 and get approval in 15 minutes.

Citibank Installment Loan. Give us a call (from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm Monday to Saturday and 8:30 am to 5:30 pm Sunday), answer a few questions and we'll take care of the rest including delivering the loan proceeds to you. Borrow from P15,000 up to P1,000,000. No collateral required. Your monthly income may be as low as P10,000 (2001 ITR needed). Initially available in Metro Manila, Cavite, Laguna, Bulacan and Rizal Province. Terms and Conditions apply.

100
YEARS IN THE
PHILIPPINES

citibank

People, Events & Products

Aries Espinosa, Editor

aespino@inquirer.com.ph

Manila Jaycees aim to improve senior citizens' quality of life

BEHIND the wrinkled, calm look on the face of the senior citizen at Luwalhati ng Maynila lies countless stories and experiences that is bound to touch the hearts of many. They were once productive members of our society who molded our generation with the custom, tradition, values, wisdom and experience that we have now.

Yet, it is sad to learn that most of these senior citizens were either abandoned or found along the streets of Manila, or endorsed to the center by poor families who could not support or provide care for them. Around 80 percent of the elderly at the center are suffering from mental disorder, and a number are suffering from sickness such as tuberculosis.

Through the city government of Manila and the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the main government agencies that support Luwalhati ng Maynila, the center was able to provide some activities and comfort for the elderly. These activities include cleaning and grooming for

the elderly, exercise, conducting Mass, providing medical attention, provision of meals, and recreation such as singing and dancing. There were also instances that some NGOs, religious organizations and local agencies supported the different activities for the elderly to brighten up their lives.

However, despite this support, what the center could provide to the senior citizens was only limited due to budgetary limitations. One example was the old, or sometimes nonexistent mattresses.

It is a fact that senior citizens are a sector of our society that may have been neglected. Nevertheless, society has a continuing social responsibility towards the elderly, even if they are no longer productive citizens. They still need society's love and respect.

Through the leadership and initiative of the Manila Jaycees (MJC), the "Alay Ginhawa Kay Lolo't Lola" project was launched last March to give attention to these senior citizens of our society. As the title connotes, the

project aims to improve the quality of life of our less fortunate elderly citizens by providing 100 comfortable mattresses to the residents of Luwalhati ng Maynila to aid them in their sleep. The project also aims to inculcate to the younger generation the need to show our continuous attention to our elderly. We want to tell the younger generation that it is not a responsibility to care for our elderly. Rather, it is a natural sense of love and respect for us to tell them we appreciate what they have done for us.

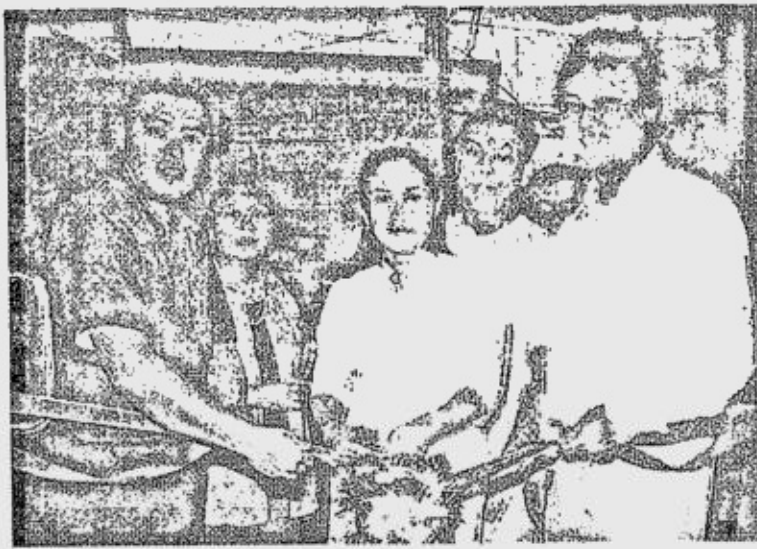
Led by chair Dexter Chua, with the support of MJC president Joel Nufiez and BLO Marc Reyes, the group comprising of Arvin Arellano, Eliseo "Don" Alcantara III, Jayson Chua, Lawrence See and Princeton Tan is envisioning to prevent this from becoming just a one-time activity. Acknowledgement is also given to the Police Media Group, the GMA Foundation and the many generous people who have opened their hearts to support this noble undertaking.



PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

Habitat for Humanity Philippines (HFHP) Youth Build 2002 steering committee representatives take their oath to show their support for this year's Youth Build during the kick-off fair at the Poveda Learning Center gym. Youth Build 2002's actual house construction will start this April and end in June. Youth Build is a flagship project of HFHP intended to boost the youth's involvement in its mission to eliminate poverty housing in the country. HFHP is a non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry

established in 1988, with affiliates in 27 sites in the country. Its mission is to build simple, decent homes for Filipinos belonging to the lowest 30 percent of the country's population. For inquiries and donations, call 637-8700 or visit the official HFHP website at www.habitat.org.ph. Shown are (front row, from left) Sen. Francis Pangilinan, HFHP Parañaque representative Mike Borlaza, HFHP managing director Joey Mendoza and committee chair Margie Moran-Florencia.



ESLA INAUGURATES NEW BUILDING

A new Emilio S. Lim Appliances branch was inaugurated at 124-130 Gen. San Miguel, Sangandaan, Caloocan City. Shown cutting the ceremonial ribbon with actress Janice de Belen (center) were (from left) Roberto R. Lim (CEO), wife Emma, grandson Charles Lim and Albert Lim (COO).



FUN STARTS AT PLAYDIUM

The hottest sports haven in Quezon City recently concluded its first 3-day 9-Ball Mixed Handicap Tournament recently. 64 of the brightest amateur male and female pool players figured in a double-round knockout format with guaranteed prizes and trophies worth P20,000 in cash. Shown during the awarding were (seated, from left) champion Robert "Ted" and second placer Allan Acaba. Also shown (standing, from left) were tournament director and Aska representative Gilbert Medel, third placer Allan Sollman, fourth placer Vincent Hontiveros, and

event organizer and assistant center manager Jonathan W. Lim. Playdium Bowling and Billiards, Aska Cue Sticks, Mist, and 'Pugad Baboy' Novelties sponsored the event. Pool tournaments will be conducted every other month. For more details, call 732-0289, 732-0304 and look for Jonathan Lim. Playdium is located at 26 Tagupo Street corner Araneta Avenue, Quezon City. It features 22 state-of-the-art Brunswick GSX Series bowling lanes, 16 top quality imported Palmer billiard tables, 12 station Net gaming areas, a café, and free secured covered parking areas.

Pana's first seminar for 2002 set

THE PHILIPPINE Association of National Advertisers will be conducting its first seminar for the year titled "Marketing Pitfalls" as announced by Pana education and research committee director Raul S. Alvarez of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company and committee chair Tristan Leveriza of Colgate-Palmolive Philippines. The seminar will be held from May 22 to 24 at the Davao Ballroom of The Westin Philippine Plaza. This three-day seminar will be conducted only every afternoon at 1:30 p.m. onwards.

This seminar will provide the audience with an experiential set of speakers who will discuss cases of marketing failures that include mistakes made in the area of branding, merchandising, choice of media, budget, below-the-line activities, creative positioning

and strategic thinking. All these are meant to provide the audience with a list of what-not-to-do in marketing.

Some of the topics to be discussed are "What Some Successful Marketing Strategies Don't Tell You", "Some Sales Promotion Ideas Don't Deliver the Results," "It Doesn't Make Sense to Reformulate an Already Winning Formula", "A Cheap Budget is Often Money Wasted and Disastrous to the Brand", "A Heavy Reliance on Research Can Blindside You", and "Beautiful Ads Don't Necessarily Mean Guaranteed Sales".

A workshop will also be included in the seminar. For further inquiries, call Lino Hernandez at 892-9911, Nards Gelverio at 899-5671 or Maureen Rivera at 899-5671.

Product FILES

Umbro sports watches from Colt 45

All 4,500 of these Umbro sports watches are at stake in Asia Brewery's Colt 45 Prize Stampede promotion. To win these manly timepieces, beer drinkers match a set of five crowns completing the phrase "Colt 45—Are You Man Enough?" with a crown bearing a sports watch icon underneath. ABI distributors nationwide will then hand over Umbro sports watches to holders of these crowns.

Three Ford Stampede pick-ups can also be won in the promotion, which lasts until June 15.



Bonheur Marketing wins 3rd distributor award

MEAD Johnson recently awarded Bonheur Marketing, its business partner, another distinctive award—Distributor of the Year—a recognition it has held from 1999. Bonheur Marketing is a multi-level distributor for cigarettes, liquor and wine, paper products, catsup and vinegar. It has been a reliable business partner to a lot of manufacturers for the last 12 years.



Network Hotel's packages for Mom

Network Hotel pays tribute to all Mothers as it pampers the special women in our lives. Treat her to a delightful Executive Lunch for only P220 net per person or Executive Dinner for only P250 net per person. Available at the Café Sampaguita, second level of the hotel. Or do you want to spend a night with her? The Hotel offers P1,700 net for overnight stay in a De Luxe or Executive Room with free breakfast and free sauna for two. Call 536-5828 or 536-7777 local 102 for reservations and inquiries. Network Hotel is located along Roxas Boulevard corner Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Pasay City.

Wedding Essentials at Robinsons Place Manila

PHILTRADE Exhibits brings to the mall select wedding suppliers as it hosts "Wedding Essentials", a wedding fair scheduled from May 13 to 26 at the Padre Faura Atrium, Robinsons Place Manila. The wedding fair promises to give would-be married couples first-class suppliers and coordinators to help them prepare for their big day. The fair opens from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and is open to the public. For details, call 820-7879, or 820-1570.

Catering seminar set

CATERERS, restaurateurs and others planning to start or manage a catering business are invited by ProActive Center for Training (Pact) to its Managing a Catering Business Seminar-Workshop from May 13 to 22, 1 to 5 p.m. at Bedas Restaurant, C-5, Libis, Quezon City. Reservations are being accepted at 0919-5500601 or e-mail pactserv@info.com.ph. Visit www.info.com.ph/~pactserv. Seminar fee is P4,500 per participant, inclusive of field trips to food and equipment suppliers and a restaurant visit, manual and handouts, snacks, certificate of completion, and workshop materials. Free shuttle service from SM Megamall to the venue, and back will be provided. Trainers are foodservice consultants and professors of hotel and restaurant management who are award-winning coaches of the student division on Chefs on Parade.

Biomerieux SA opens RP office

BIOMERIEUX SA, one of the world leaders in the field of diagnostics, recently acquired Organon Teknika, a Dutch corporation, and formed Biomerieux SA (Philippine representative office). Headed by its country manager Jose Santiago A. dela Cruz, it aims to create a new force in the field of diagnostics that will supply local health care and world-class equipment and reagents. Starting May 1, Biomerieux SA holds local office at the 11th floor of the Pearlbank Center, 146 Valero Street, Salcedo Village, Makati City with telephone numbers 810-2131, 817-7741, 817-7742 and fax number 812-0896. In the Philippines, Biomerieux's exclusive distributor is TNC Everlight Philippines Inc. with telephone numbers 812-8738 up to 40.

PPHS '52 golden anniversary

THE PANGASINAN Provincial High School Class 1952 will be holding its Golden Anniversary. All graduates of PPHS Class '52 are advised to call any of the following for the meeting for the anniversary: Gen. Fidel Singon at 921-8688, Gen. Isidoro de Guzman at 724-7064, and Amanda Parras Castro at 372-2298.



DUMEX SEARCH WINNERS POSE

Winners of the Dumex 3rd Quarter Search for Fitter, Brighter Champions gamely strike a pose with Dex, the Dumex mascot, shortly after the program. The Search selection criteria is based on the children's physical and mental development level as measured against development milestones expected of their respective age groups. Hazel Andrea L. Maqueda (left), topped the toddler category and Nicole H. Cruz the pre-school category. They are shown with their moms Nelzie Maqueda and Christa Eva Theresa Cruz.

ALI CLOSES BOND ISSUE

Ayala Land Inc. recently closed a P3-billion, 5-year Bond Issue with a syndicate of eight domestic underwriters led by BPI Capital Corp. as issue manager. The Bond Issue was made available to both institutional and retail investors. Shown during the signing of the underwriting agreement are (from left) Filomeno G. Francisco, president of the AB Capital and Investment Corp., Erlaster C. Sotto,

president of PCI Capital Corp., Mercedita S. Nollado, executive vice president of Ayala Land Inc., Natividad N. Alejo, president of BPI Capital Corp., Francisco H. Licuanan III, president of Ayala Land Inc., Francisco G. Co, executive director of First Metro Investment Corp., Eduardo V. Francisco, senior vice president of BDO Capital Corp., and Raul M. Leopando, president of RCBC Capital Corp.

Canon

Aggie Pinili, Account Manager

sprojects@inquirer.com.ph

Aries Espinosa, Editor

Consistent growth amid challenge and change

ENDLESS change in information technology proved to be a great challenge for companies to come up with better products and maintain its standing in the growing market of tech-savvy individuals. And for Canon Marketing Philippines Inc., the leader in the digital imaging business, they sure know what their loyal consumers want and need.

"We aim to continue achieving the No. 1 market share in the bubble jet printer, laser beam printer, scanner as well as projector field for 2002. We hope to provide our partners a wide array of products to build a strong and profitable business," Ishi said.

In a colorful and eventful launch on April 25 at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Canon introduced its new revolutionary line of S-series bubble jet printers and flatbed scanner that would redefine digital imaging—going beyond expectations. "Beyond expectations" is translated in the P1-billion sales mark Canon reached in November last year.

Canon president and CEO Satoshi Yahata proudly announced that "Canon is the only company that has maintained a positive 2-percent growth rate in the inkjet business." He then adds, "We are always proud of our infusion of innovation with any product that would meet the rigid quality standards of Canon."

In flatbed scanners, Canon is the certified market leader, gaining a 47-percent market share based on an independent agency report.

With the world economy taking a nosedive late last year due to the unstable political situation, Canon continues to rise above the challenge. On the regional front alone, the growth of Canon in the South Asia markets had been very encouraging with an achieved consolidated No. 1 market share of 36 percent in the inkjet printer market in the major six countries consisting of Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, and India. This according to Motoyasu Ishi, director and general manager of Consumer Imaging and Information Group Canon Singapore Pte. Ltd.

In the Philippines, Canon's market share for inkjet printer is growing steadily over the years. Its No. 2 slot here in the country with a market share of 29 percent is encouraged by the 4-percent increase compared to last year. Its mission this year is to clinch the No. 1 position in the market. With the new high-quality products now out in the market, will that be far behind?

Canon scanners' sales result for year 2001 increased by 128 percent compared to 2000.

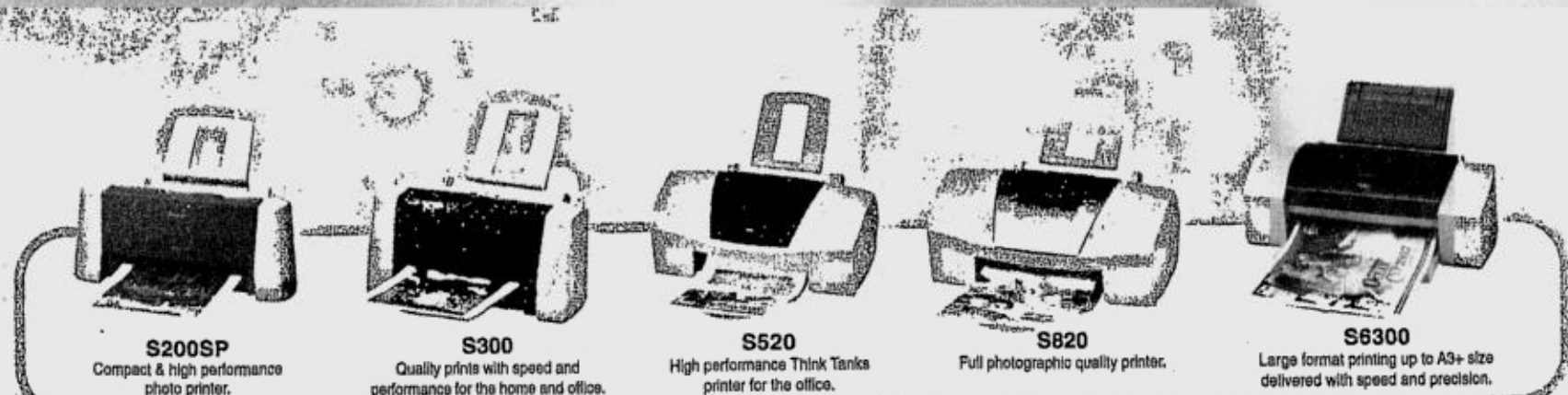
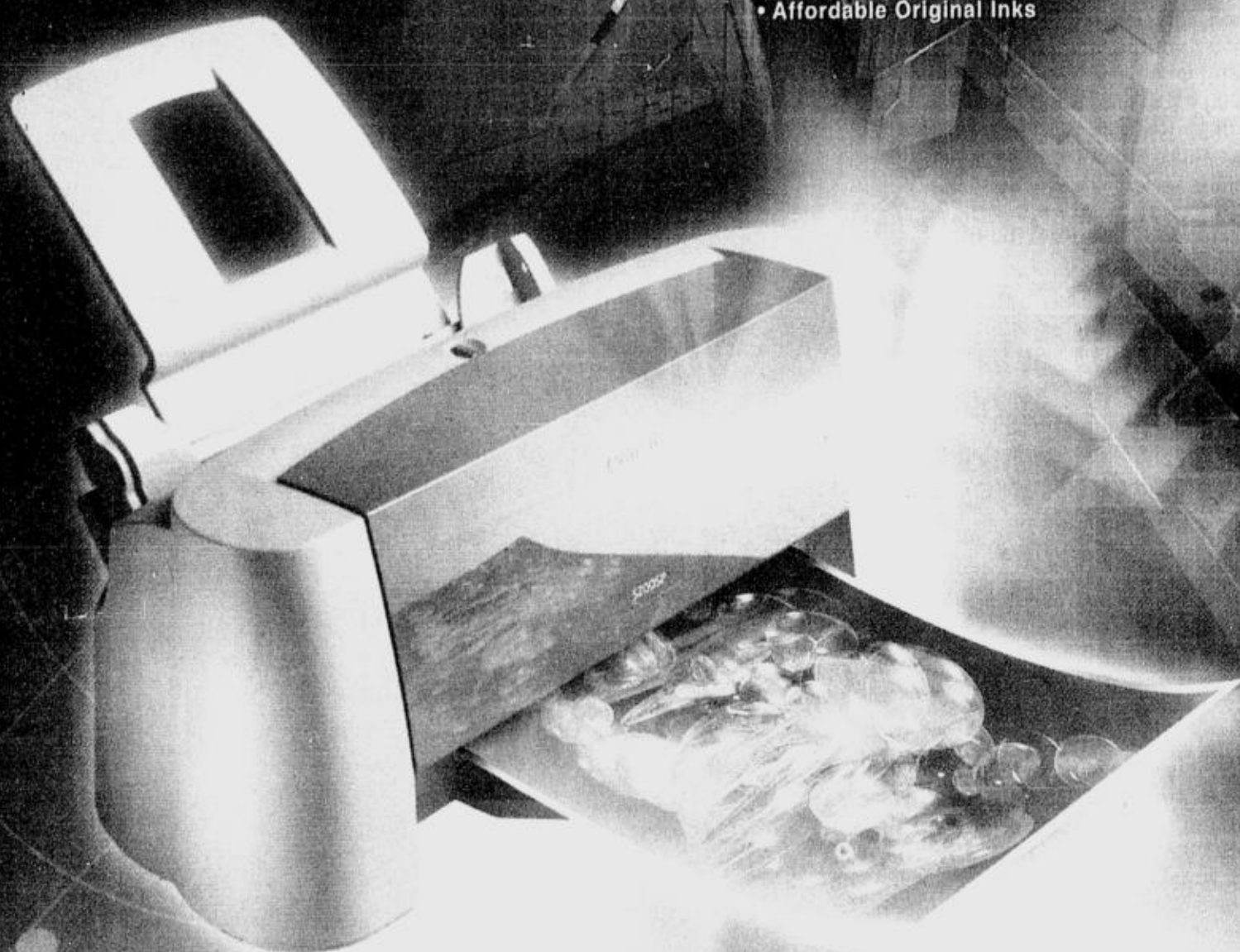
In the flatbed scanner Canon is the certified market leader, gaining a 47-percent market share based on an independent agency report.



CANON Premium Dealer Awardees for 2001: A2000, Accent Micro, Acenet Computer, Acumax, Electroworld, Nexgen Micro System Inc., NT Computer Mart, PC Corner, PC Madness, Peripheral Solutions Inc., Pro Data System, Silicon Valley, The Computer Authority, Villman Computer, Laser Marketing, All Electronics, Concept Computer, Thinking Tools Inc., Computer World Marketing, MDR, with Satoshi Yahata and Matt Ishi.

[POWER BEYOND SIZE] S200SP

- 2880 x 720 dpi
- 5ppm mono/3ppm colour
- Vivid Photo Technology
- Affordable Original Inks



Less is more...small is beautiful...whichever way you want to appreciate it, the new Canon Bubble Jet Printer S200SP has power that belies its size. While this ultra-compact and affordable printer fits neatly by your desk, the S200SP also promises exceptional high-speed printing at a superb resolution of 2880 x 720 dpi. And with Canon's unique Vivid Photo function this small workhorse

gives you richer, more vibrant colours. Add to this our assurance of Out of the Box Performance, and you'll soon discover why Canon's world-class range of Bubble Jet Printers never compromises on speed or true-to-life photo quality, even at default mode. Try out the S200SP or any of our vast range of Canon Bubble Jet Printers for a total solution to all your printing needs, today.

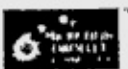
INSIST ON YOUR CANON MARKETING PHILIPPINES INC. WARRANTY CARD

South East Asia Regional Headquarters: Canon Singapore Pte Ltd 79 Anson Road #09-01/06 Singapore 079906 www.canon-asia.com

LOCAL SALES OFFICE: CANON MARKETING (PHILIPPINES), INC. Marvin Plaza, 2153 Don Chino Rocas Avenue, Makati City • Tels.: 812-6047; 892-6449 • Fax: 812-6047 • E-mail address: info@canon.com.ph • Website: www.canon.com.ph

AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTORS:

LAMCO INTERNATIONAL INC., Suite 1804 East Tower PSE Center, Exchange Rd., Ortigas Center, Pasig City Tel.: 634-7999 Fax: 633-6857
HYTECH INTEGRATED PRODUCTS, #9 Campanilla St., New Manila, Q.C. Tels.: 413-8899; 413-1312; 722-1122 Fax: 726-9361



Canon
Technology that makes you smile

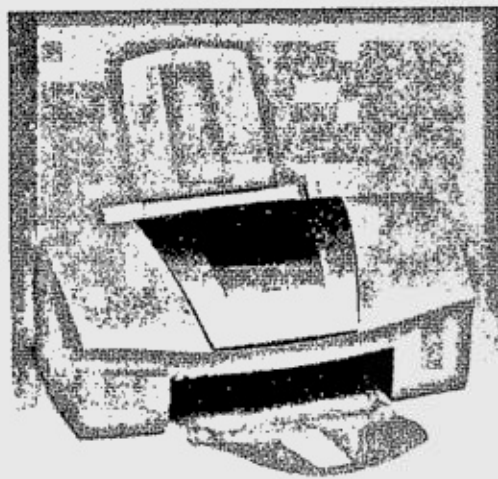
Speed, quality in efficient and economical packages

Photo printing is now a breeze with S820 bubble jet printer. S820 is a six-color photo printer allowing borderless printing.

High-quality printers

First in line is the S200SP. The small yet reliable printer comes in a compact and stylish two-tone body design with a high print resolution of 2880 x 720 dpi. It has a default bi-directional printing for high-speed plain paper printing. Plus it comes with a sleek carry handle at the back of the unit making it easier to move the printer around the office, at home, and even in school. S200SP fits the budget of any digital graphic enthusiast without worrying about quality.

If you're after an outstanding high-quality printout, impressive high-speed printing, S520 bubble jet printer is meant for you. S520 saves you time because it can print at the speed of 14 pages-per-minute monotone printing and 9 ppm for color printing. This classy printer can also do borderless printing and photo quality output can be achieved because of its 2400 x 1200 dpi resolution. What's even more inviting with S520 is it now adopts the famous Think Tanks Technology—an individual ink tank management system which allows users to save ink while in the process saving their hard-earned money.



Canon S820

Photo printing is now a breeze with S820 bubble jet printer. S820 is a six-color photo printer allowing borderless printing. Canon also incorporated the individual ink tank management so users are guaranteed of economical and practical printing, wasting no ink. S820 can also produce ultra-photo quality output at a print resolution of 2400 x 1200 dpi. Pictures come out like it was taken by a professional photographer without noticing the difference.

With all the assured fine-quality performance of these state-of-the-art Canon printers, consumers are assured that they can avail themselves at a very affordable price.

Canon printers S520, S820 and S200 revolutionizes the world of desktop photo printing with the new MicroFine Droplet Technology and Vivid Photo printing function. This improved MicroFine Droplet Technology allows prescribed-volume ultra-fine 5pl ink droplets to be ejected from the nozzles with high accuracy and high precision array. The Vivid Photo feature, on the other hand, extracts maximum performance from the printer to achieve professional color reproduction capabilities without limitations of monitor matching. This function also lets the printer produce lifelike hues.

These high-quality inkjet printers also have easy-to-use printer drivers and packaged software to meet the users' digital

imaging needs. Only Canon can give you the out-of-the-box performance, which means that speed can be achieved without sacrificing fine photo-quality reproduction.

If your boss needs an inch-thick data printed in a very limited time, there's always Canon LBP-2000 laser printer to go to. Canon developed LBP-2000 to make your job fast and easy. No sweat. Joining the already reliable LBP-810, LBP-1760e, LBP-A4, LBP-2000 prints at a speed of 20ppm, and A3 prints at 11 ppm.

With all the assured fine-quality performance of these state-of-the-art Canon printers, consumers are assured of quality at an affordable price.



SHOWN (From left) are Karlin Koh, assistant marketing manager, consumer system products division, Canon Singapore Pte. Ltd.; Satoshi Yahata, president and CEO, Canon Marketing (Philippines) Inc.; Motoyasu 'Matt' Ishi, director and general manager of consumer imaging and information group, consumer system products division, Canon Singapore Pte. Ltd.



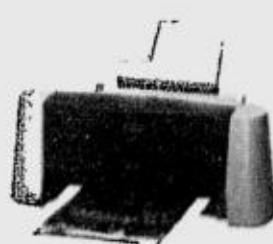
the difference is vivid



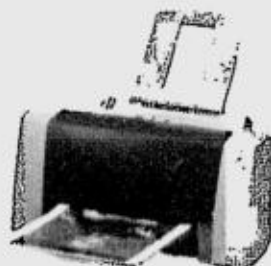
Vibrant photographs that make scenes look better than Mother Nature intended them to be.

If lively, enhanced images saturated in brilliant hyper-colour are what you want, only Canon Vivid Photo can deliver a visible difference. Using unique Canon Vivid technology, each image can be embellished to become a dazzling, vibrant photograph that looks better than Mother Nature herself intended it to be! Blues are bluer. Greens are greener. Whites are brighter. Yet, the

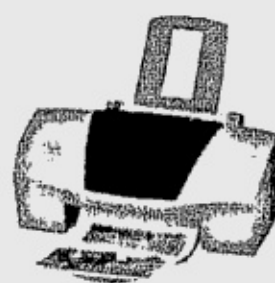
photograph still looks perfectly natural to the naked eye; in fact, the results are equal to those that a professional photographer might achieve, without the limitations of monitor matching. Canon has taken colour quality and vibrancy to greater heights – remarkably higher than the colour on your computer's colour monitor – so that you can see the world in a whole new way.



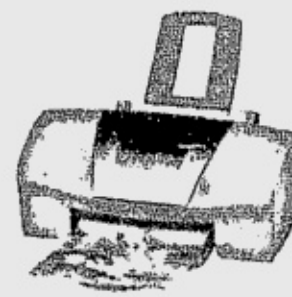
S200SP
Compact & high performance photo printer.



S300
Quality prints with speed and performance for the home and office.



S520
High performance Think Tanks printer for the office.



S820
Full photographic quality printer.

South East Asia Regional Headquarters: Canon Singapore Pte Ltd 79 Anson Road #09-01/06 Singapore 079906 www.canon-asia.com
LOCAL SALES OFFICE: CANON MARKETING (PHILIPPINES), INC. Marvin Plaza, 2153 Don Chino Rocas Avenue, Makati City • Tels.: 812-6047; 892-6449 • Fax: 812-6047 • E-mail address: info@canon.com.ph • Website: www.canon.com.ph

Canon



SATOSHI Yahata, president and CEO, Canon Marketing (Philippines) Inc. at the media and dealer's launch on April 25 at the Edsa Shangri-La.

Gone are the days when one has to wait for minutes scanning one picture, with Canon's new 1,200-dpi scanner scanning is just a breeze.



MOTOYASU 'Matt' Ishi, director and general manager of consumer imaging and information group, consumer system products division, Canon Singapore Pte. Ltd.



CANON awards Innovista Technologies Inc. as Most Consistent Distributor for Canon Bubble Jet Printers (from left) Toni Gonzaga, program host; Satoshi Yahata, Canon Philippines; Jun Tantuco, managing director, Innovista Technologies and Matt Ishi, Canon Singapore.

Scanning made easy

CANON is committed to meet and surpass the growing demands of its clientele. That's why when they decided to produce CanoScan D1250U2, making life easier for the user is one of their main objectives.

Canon proudly releases the world's first consumer scanner with USB 2.0 Interface, the CanoScan D1250U2.

If you want to keep up with the times, it's time you upgrade your PC and invest with the USB D1250U2. All PC and peripherals will soon be equipped with the USB 2.0 interface. The CanoScan D1250U2 is compatible with current PCs equipped with USB 1.1 port. And if you want to optimize the speed of this new scanner with these PCs, users can buy the optional USB 2.0 card reader.

This advanced interface has a potential transfer speed 40 times faster than the USB 1.1. Gone are the days when one has to wait for minutes scanning one picture, with Canon's new 1,200-dpi scanner scanning is just a breeze. CanoScan D1250U2's improved speed, usability, design and a comprehensive suite of useful software makes scanning effortless. It sets a new standard to high-speed performance and quality imaging; at an exceptionally competitive price point.



CanoScan D1250U2

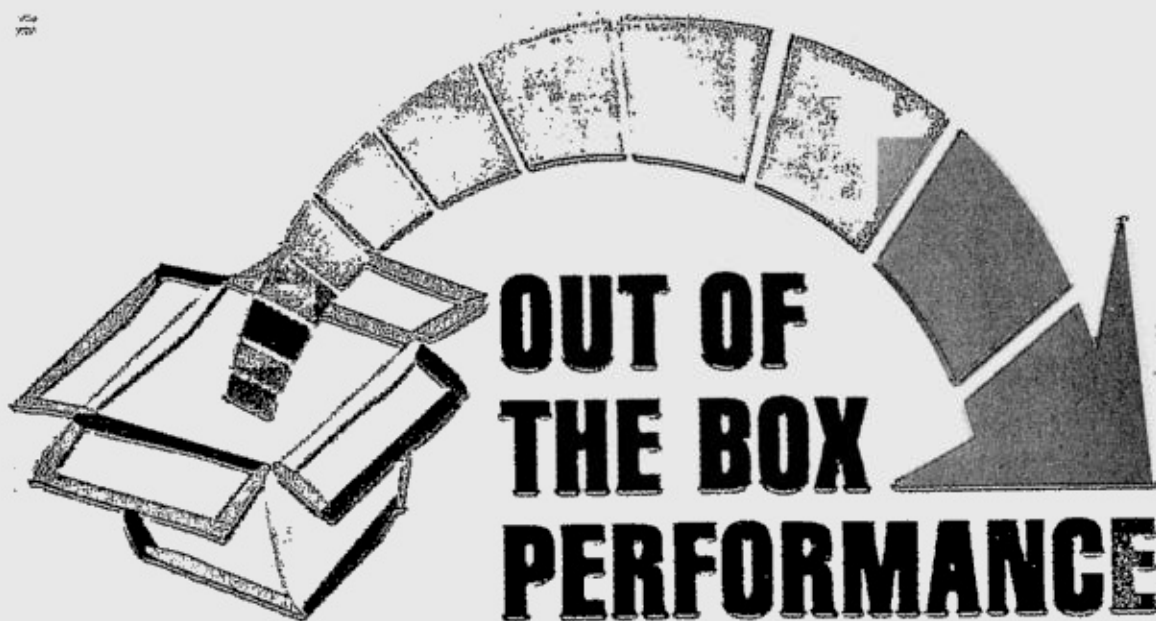
With the USB 2.0 interface, the CanoScan D1250U2 scans four times than a scanner with a USB 1.1 setting. An A4 size photo scanned at 600 dpi takes about 30 seconds compared to two minutes using a USB 1.1 scanner. Wow, that's a lotta time saved! When printed on Canon's wide range of affordable color printers and photo quality papers, the printout is comparable to conventional silver halide prints.

SCANNING/CB



SALES and marketing manager of consumer system products division Jonjon Ornopia demonstrates S200P's lightweight design and the convenient carry handle at the back of the printers.

DON'T THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX.



True Printing Performance • At Default Mode • With Speed • With Quality

The instant you remove your new Canon printer from its box, you'll take to it like a duck to water. Plug it in and voila! The fact is Canon did all its 'thinking outside the box' in advance, so you don't have to think at all. You won't need a user manual and trial & error to strike the vital balance between the printer's speed and its quality of prints. You may

wish to ask our competitors their reasons, however, that is something they certainly cannot claim; there is always an acute trade-off between their speed/quality ratios. The user will always lose some measure of performance as a result. Anyhow, that's very complicated. And at Canon, we're into simplicity. That's why we created user-friendly performance.



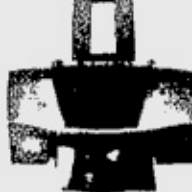
S100SP
Stylish and compact personal printer for your home.



S200SP
Compact & high performance photo printer.



S300
Quality prints with speed and performance for the home and office.



S520
High performance Think Tanks printer for the office.



S820
Full photographic quality printer.



S6300
Large format printing up to A3+ size delivered with speed and precision.

South East Asia Regional Headquarters: Canon Singapore Pte Ltd 79 Anson Road #09-01/06 Singapore 079906 www.canon-asia.com
LOCAL SALES OFFICE: CANON MARKETING (PHILIPPINES), INC. Marvin Plaza, 2153 Don Chino Rocas Avenue, Makati City • Tels.: 812-6047; 892-6449 • Fax: 812-6047 • E-mail address: info@canon.com.ph • Website: www.canon.com.ph

Canon



CANON awards Hytech Integrated Products as Top Distributor for Flatbed Scanners. Shown (from left) are Toni Gonzaga, program host; Satoshi Yahata, Canon Philippines; Robert Ongsitco, Managing Director, Hytech Integrated; and Matt Ishi, Canon Singapore.



CANON awards Lamco International as Top Distributor in Combined Sales of Canon Bubble Jet Printer and Consumables (from left) Jonjon Ornopia, sales and marketing manager, CSPD-Canon Philippines; Satoshi Yahata, president and CEO, Canon Marketing (Philippines) Inc.; Anna Andres, business unit manager for consumer group, Lamco International; and Matt Ishi, Canon Singapore.



NETWORK Essentials received a plaque of appreciation from Canon for its unwavering support of Canon's laser beam printer business. Shown (from left) are Jonjon Ornopia, sales and marketing manager, CSPD-Canon Philippines; Satoshi Yahata, president and CEO, Canon Philippines; Jonathan Dee, managing director, Network Essentials; and Matt Ishi, Canon Singapore.

Scanning ...

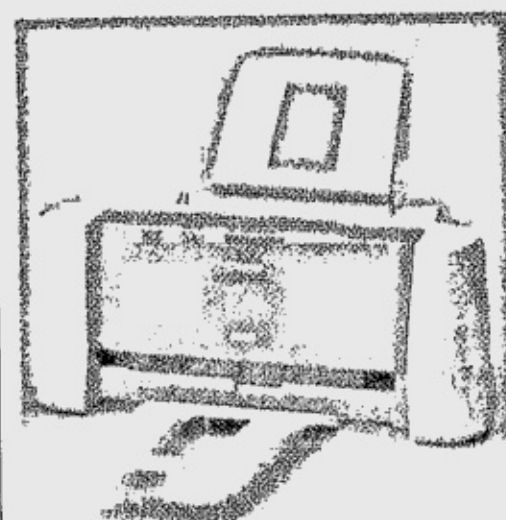
from page C7

CanoScan D1250U2 also boasts of its MultiPhoto Scan and MultiCrop mode. Users can place up to 10 pictures at a time and the scanner automatically identifies crops and straightens these individual pictures in a single scan. What's more, with QARE (Quality Automatic Retouching and Enhancement), dust and scratches are cleaned up automatically without having to do manual retouching. Now that's something.

When "easy" is spelled "EZ" in Canon printers, "EZ" scanning buttons scan, copy and e-mail at a touch of a button. The ScanGear Toolbox software packaged with the CanoScan D1250U2 also comes with a new photo button, which automatically scans the photo at user's preferred resolution.



LYNDON Wong of Pro Data and Peter Wee of Asianic win a Canon S520 Bubble Jet Printer. With them are program hosts Toni Gonzaga and Jonjon Ornopia.



Canon S200SP

The advanced "Z-lid" design—an invisible hinge—also allows easy scanning of thick books and magazines of up to 5 cm.

The Canon D1250U2 features a full range of software to help users in the scanning process: STAD (Stabilized Tone-Curve Auto Drawing) automatically adjusts the tone of the document or image so that it is sharp and clear; Color Management Support (consists of "recommended mode" and "color gear") ensures faithful reproduction of document colors; Adobe Photoshop Elements, ArcSoft PhotoStudio 2000 for easy image editing; and OmniPage Pro 9.0 (optical recognition software) for easy text editing.

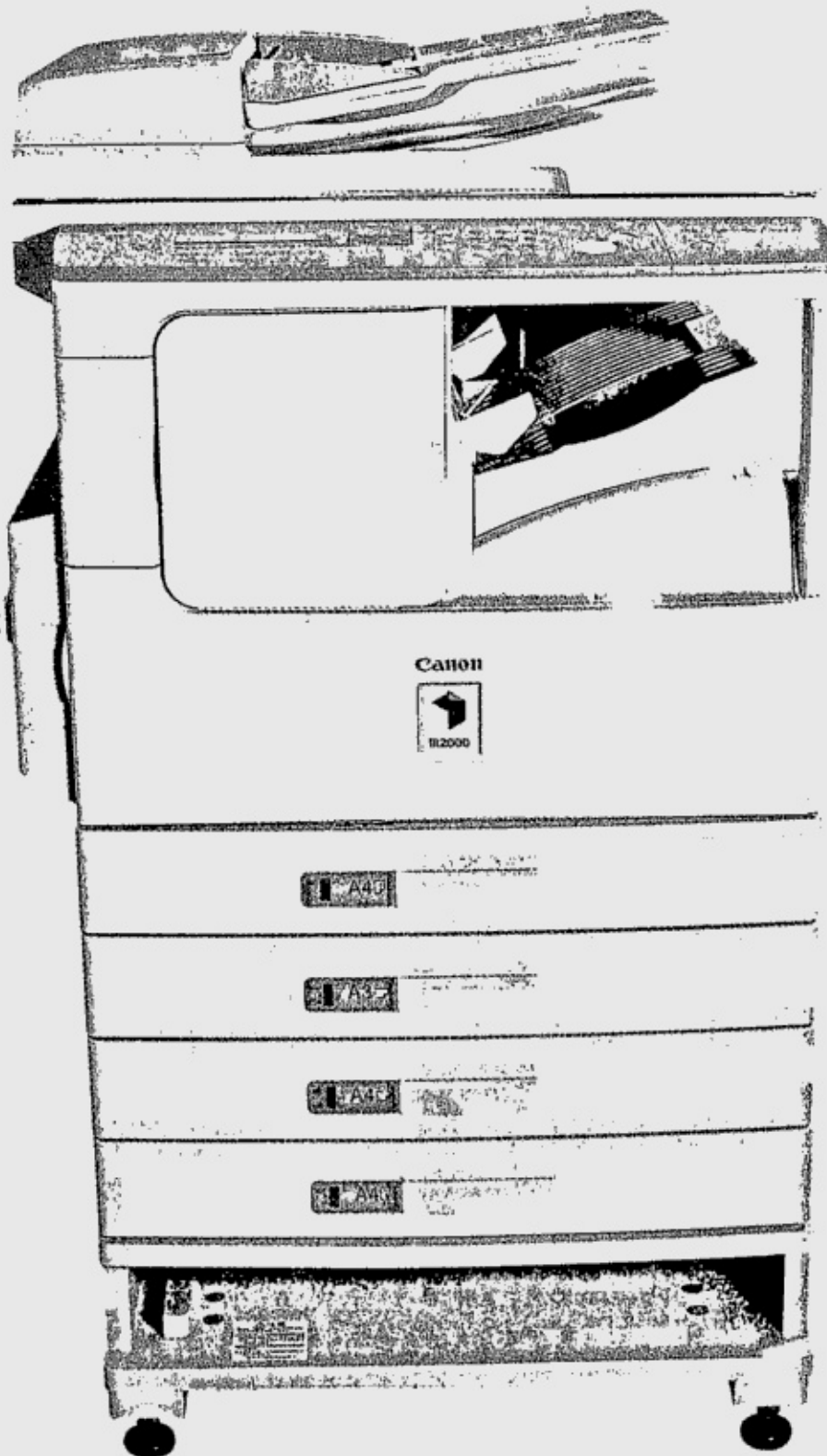
imageRUNNER™

SAVE

P30,000 WITH EVERY PURCHASE*

FREE

CANON T27



HASSLE-FREE

COPIES AND PRINTS AT 20 PPM • POWERFUL 200MHZ PRINT CONTROLLER
• ABLE TO PRINT VIA USB CONNECTION



Finally, a digital multifunction workgroup solution without the hassles of ordinary digital copiers. It's the new Canon imageRUNNER 2000. With a powerful, fast 200MHz print processor, it dramatically reduces your waiting time when printing critical documents. Plus, the IR2000 allows copy scanning to take place even while printing is in progress. What's more, now is the best time to acquire one. That's because you get a big discount for every purchase* (IR 2000 - P30,000 less on cash basis) plus a T27 Canon Fax for free! So don't wait, ask your local Canon representative about the amazing imageRUNNER 2000 and take the hassle-free route to office efficiency.

**Shown with optional accessories

Canon

Promo Period: April 22 - June 30, 2002

Canon Marketing (Philippines) Inc., Marvin Plaza Bldg., 2153 Don Chino Roces Ave., Makati City Tel. Nos. 812-6047 / 812-6076 to 79 E-mail Address: info@canon.com.ph
Branch Offices: CMP-BATAAN Diling Bldg., Manuel Banzon St., Balanga, Bataan Tel. No. (047) 237-2151 • CMP-CEBU Door 10, 1P & 20 Free Star Arcade Hernan Cortes St., Subangdaku Mandaue City Tel. No. (032) 345-3680, (032) 345-3821, Fax No. (032) 345-3691 • CMP-DAVAO Door 1 Navigators Bldg., Ponce cor. Compostela St., Davao City Tel. No. (082) 222-3392 Fax No. (082) 227-4820 • CMP-LA UNION Ground Floor M. Peralta Bldg., Quezon Ave., Sevilla Norte, San Fernando City, La Union Tel. No. (072) 242-0440, (072) 242-4587 • CMP-LEGASPI Door 7 & 8 CEA Bldg., Ground Floor, Lapu-Lapu St., Legaspi City Tel. No. (052) 480-6331, (052) 214-3863

Per DTI-NCR Permit No. 1444 Series of 2002

EDUCATION

Aggie Pinili, Account Manager

sprojects@inquirer.com.ph

Aries Espinosa, Editor

Restructured curriculum to increase learning

THE DEPARTMENT of Education (DepEd) will implement this June the restructured Basic Education Curriculum (BEC). Undersecretary Fe A. Hidalgo said the restructured curriculum will help every learner, particularly in Grades 1 to 3 to become a successful reader.

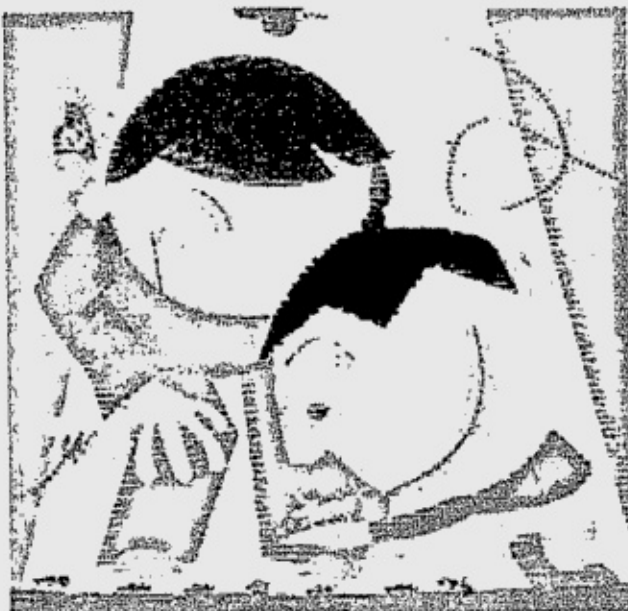
The BEC carries Filipino, English, Science and Mathematics as its basic tool subjects. The fifth subject, to be called Makabayan, will serve as a "laboratory of life," which aims to develop a healthy personal and national identity. Education Secretary Raul S. Roco has repeatedly said in media interviews that no teacher will be losing her job. Makabayan will teach an adequate understanding of Philippine history and our politico-economic system, local cultures, crafts, arts, music and games, he said.

Hidalgo said teachers, principals and superintendents will be supported by the Central Office in terms of materials and support system in their implementation of the BEC. He added that the trainings will be school-based. The DepEd Undersecretary also said that all grade and high school levels will implement the BEC, with the exception of Grade 6 and fourth year students.

Private schools may as well adopt the program, she added. The education department has designated the monitoring assignments to the Bureaus of Elementary Education (BEE) and Secondary Education (BSE) and the National Education Testing and Research Center (NETRC).

"Continuous monitoring will be done by the principals and supervisors in their respective schools and divisions, while the NETRC, BEE and the BSE will conduct a quarterly evaluation of the program," Hidalgo said.

The Basic Features of the Restructured Curriculum are:
o Greater emphasis on helping every learner, particularly in Grades 1 to 3 to become a successful reader;



- o New focus on Mathematics in the Secondary level;
- o Emphasis on interactive learning approaches between teachers and students, between students and printed materials for learning, between a student and other students, and between students and multimedia-assisted instruction;
- o The use of integrative teaching approaches where appropriate and relevant;
- o The emphasis on Values Formation in all the subject areas. Every teacher is a values education teacher;
- o Emphasis on the development of self-reliant and patriotic citizens.

(From *The Education Post*, a weekly publication of the Department of Education)

'Matibay ang Pilipino', Insular's Life's advertising campaign

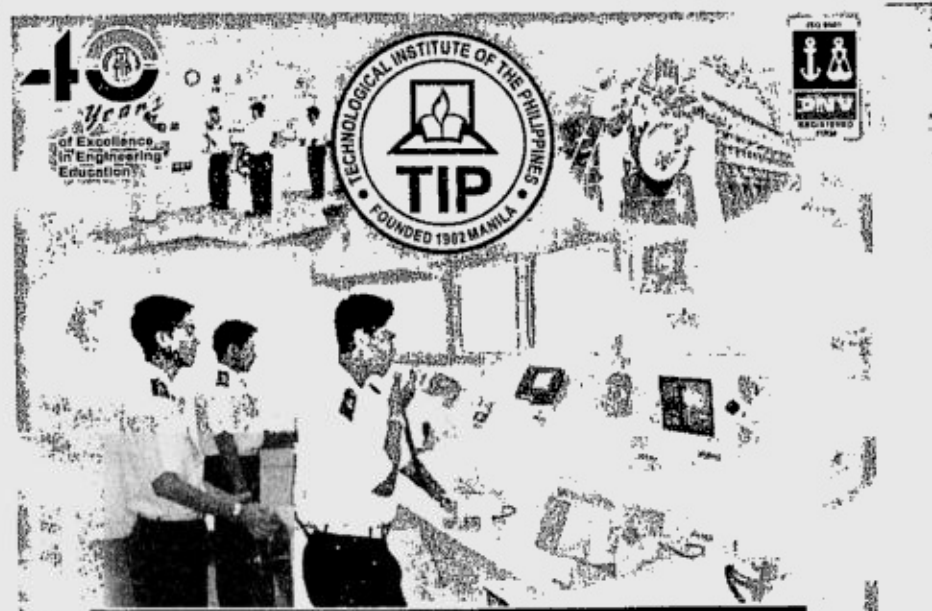
WHO is the Filipino? Malay race. Brown skin. Medium skin. Medium height. Black hair. Then again, to borrow that critical question from a past Ms. Universe pageant, what is the essence of a true Filipino?

If we probe deeper and sift through the Filipino character, we would find that the Filipinos are a group of people who share a past characterized by many struggles as well as triumphs. History has dealt us with centuries of colonization, an authoritarian regime, the birth of hope with the EDSA People Power, followed by brief periods of economic progress, the impeachment of a President, and the rise of

the second EDSA People Power that overthrew an administration, only to be plunged into a world-wide financial crisis which, to this day, still hounds us.

Our past struggles, as well as the challenges we now face have given us profound lessons. Always, we have been witness to the Filipinos' faith in God, love for family, resilience in the face of adversity, optimism, compassion and enormous capacity for hard work and sacrifices.

These are the reasons the Filipino has always triumphed over adverse conditions. Somehow, he will rise
MATIBAY/ C12



**SEAWORTHINESS BEGINS WITH
A QUALITY-ASSURED EDUCATION.**

TIP's Quality-Assured Maritime Education System offers you complete training facilities where you can earn your competitive edge. Enrol in our program and be part of the international maritime industry.

ISO 9001 CERTIFIED

Provision of Maritime Education and Training for the National and International Shipping Industry (Certificate No. OSC-3271)

DET NORSKE VERITAS CERTIFIED

Provision of Maritime Education for the National and International Shipping Industry (Certificate No. 12)

DET NORSKE VERITAS CERTIFIED

Provision of Maritime Training for the National and International Shipping Industry (Certificate No. 20)

MEMBER

Philippine Association of Maritime Institutions (PAMI) • Philippine Association of Maritime Training Centers, Inc. (PAMTCI) • Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) • Founding Member, The Maritime League

www.tip.edu.ph

ISO 9001 CERTIFIED



TECHNOLOGICAL
INSTITUTE OF THE
PHILIPPINES

In constant redefinition of academic life

MANILA CAMPUSES
353 P. Canal St., Quisno, Manila
Tel. 733-9117 / 734-5042
1338 Arago St., Quisno, Manila
QUEZON CITY CAMPUSES
938 Aurora Blvd., Quisno, Quisno City
Tel. 911-0148 / 912-1539
TIP SEASIDE MARITIME TRAINING CENTER
Brgy. San Rafael II, Novena, Cavite

Anumang pagsubok.
Anumang paghihirap.
Lahat ay malalampasan.
Kung may pananalig
sa ating Maykapal.

INSULAR LIFE
Matibay ang Pilipino.

91st ANNIVERSARY

When someone depends on you, you can depend on Insular Life.

Youth Day Summit gathers thousands of students



THOUSANDS of teenagers will gather at the Central Colleges of the Philippines (CCP) campus this summer for the Youth Day Summit 2002.

The Youth Day Summit is an annual, three-day experiential learning program that brings together teenagers aged 13-19, from public and private schools across the country. Founded by CCP professor Cornelio Buenaventura, it is a nature-based training program a la "Survivor" where students develop decision-making and leadership skills through fun, nature-based activities.

Buenaventura came up with the idea for the Youth Day Summit after reading a McCann youth study which found that "while most young people today enjoy going to school, they find more value in activities that involve practical application of theories."

So, with the help of human resource consultant Maria Veronica Ibanez (a classmate at the Asian Institute of Management) and Maria Loretta Ramirez, Buenaventura designed a program that

incorporates little or no classroom instruction. The organizers have based the program on German educator Kurt Hahn's experience and value-centered approach to education. Specifically, the YDS will be based on a module called the Outward Bound Program. It will be a wilderness challenge program.



1st Semester, SY 2002-2003 enrollment now open!

You are invited to a better future...

...at the CENTRAL COLLEGES of the PHILIPPINES

Get into the fully-computerized central for total education that offers a broad range of courses to prepare you for a successful career. But over and above this, CCP's well-rounded style of education equips you with the creativity, determination, and the resourcefulness to face and overcome life's challenges.

- * FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED libraries and computer laboratories
- * FREE INTERNET ACCESS for all students in school libraries, making research faster and easier
- * Maximum hands-on training through our one computer-one student policy
- * Features an ultra-modern computer laboratory with state-of-the-art computers and equipment
- * Advanced curricula in Engineering and Information Technology courses

- * Highly trained and dedicated teachers
- * Strong industry-academe linkage
- * Industry-based internship program
- * Emphasis on communication skills, mathematics and sciences
- * Job assistance through our External Affairs and Alumni Department

* Courses accredited by the PACUCOA (Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation)

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS ARE GIVEN TO DESERVING STUDENTS

C O U R S E S O F F E R E D :

* COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science in:
Computer Engineering (B.S. Comp. E.)
Electronics and Communications Engineering (B.S.E.C.E.)
Civil Engineering (B.S.C.E.)
Electrical Engineering (B.S.E.E.)
Industrial Engineering (B.S.I.E.)
Mechanical Engineering (B.S.M.E.)

* COLLEGE OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Bachelor of Science
in Computer Science (B.S. Comp. Sci.)
CISCO Academy
MOUS Certification Curriculum

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

Bachelor of Science in Architecture
(B.S. Arch.) with computer and CADD

* COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (B.S.B.A.)
Major in:
- Computer Management
- Banking and Finance
- Marketing
- Economics
- Management

Bachelor of Science in Office Administration
(Secretarial Administration)

Associate in Office Administration
(Junior Secretarial - 2 year course)

* COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Six-year course leading to the degree
of Doctor of Optometry (O.D.)

* COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts (A.B.)
Major in:
- English
- Psychology
- Economics

* COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Secondary Education (B.S.Ed.)
Major in:
- English
- Filipino
- History

* COLLEGE OF ACCOUNTANCY

Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (B.S.A.)

HIGH SCHOOL

Only students with an average of 84% and above are qualified to take the entrance examination.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts in Teaching	MAT
Major in College Teaching	
Master in Business Administration	MBA
(thesis or non-thesis program)	
Master in Public Administration	MPA
(thesis or non-thesis program)	

Mail or fax your application to CCP today!



CENTRAL COLLEGES OF THE PHILIPPINES

52 Aurora Boulevard, Quezon City Tel. Nos: 715-51-70 to 75
Fax No. 715-08-46 email: bobcat@ccp.edu.ph
Visit our website: <http://www.ccp.edu.ph>

For more details, call the Admissions Office Direct line 7153771

Teenagers will be immersed in an outdoor environment and will be asked to participate in activities where their own decision-making skills will be tested. The CCP campus will be transformed into a summer camp/wilderness environment for this purpose. There will also be group sessions and self-awareness task such as reflection, journal writing and self-disclosure.

The goal of the Youth Day Summit, according to Buenaventura, is for teenagers to "develop their self-concept, a variety of their own skills and knowledge, realize their leadership potential and ultimately, an increased desire to have better relationships with family and friends."

Participants will be working closely with their trainers. These include star volleyball player Mark Casaway, Vergel Paguibatan and student leader Hannah Magcang. Like other teenagers, they had their own share of growing pains: Vergel had severe inferiority complex, Hannah has a problem getting along with her peers and Casaway, despite the accolades that came with being a star athlete, felt empty. But the Youth Day Summit Training made a difference in their lives as Youth Day Summit trainers.

Hundreds of teenagers have already signed up for the program. They have been trained in batches of 10 so the program accommodates as many youth as possible. CCP president lawyer Crispino Reyes has offered to provide the capital, physical and human resources that are necessary.

The program is open to all interested participants free of charge. The culminating events of YDS on May 15 and 16 will be participated by scholars of chosen schools in Metro Manila, and surprise celebrities will join the experiential learning and rappelling course.

"We hope that more teenagers will be interested in the Youth Day Summit because we can guarantee only the most fulfilling experience of their lives," says Buenaventura.



Teenagers will be immersed in an outdoor environment and will be asked to participate in activities where their own decision-making skills will be tested



Unemployment Rising, More Entrepreneurs Needed

Thames International Business School answers call

In January, 8 million Filipinos were either without jobs or underemployed, according to statistics from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). At the end of April, about 382,000 students graduated from the country's colleges and universities. What are then the prospects of their landing jobs and becoming productive members of society?

A recent newspaper editorial quoted the President as saying "the prospects

of this year's graduates getting jobs is not so bright." This may be true given that new graduates have lower priority in the lists of employers who prefer new hires with some experience. How do we then solve this perennial problem of unemployment?

One solution adapted by other countries is to encourage their next generation of business professionals to become job-makers, instead of becoming job-seekers.

The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor

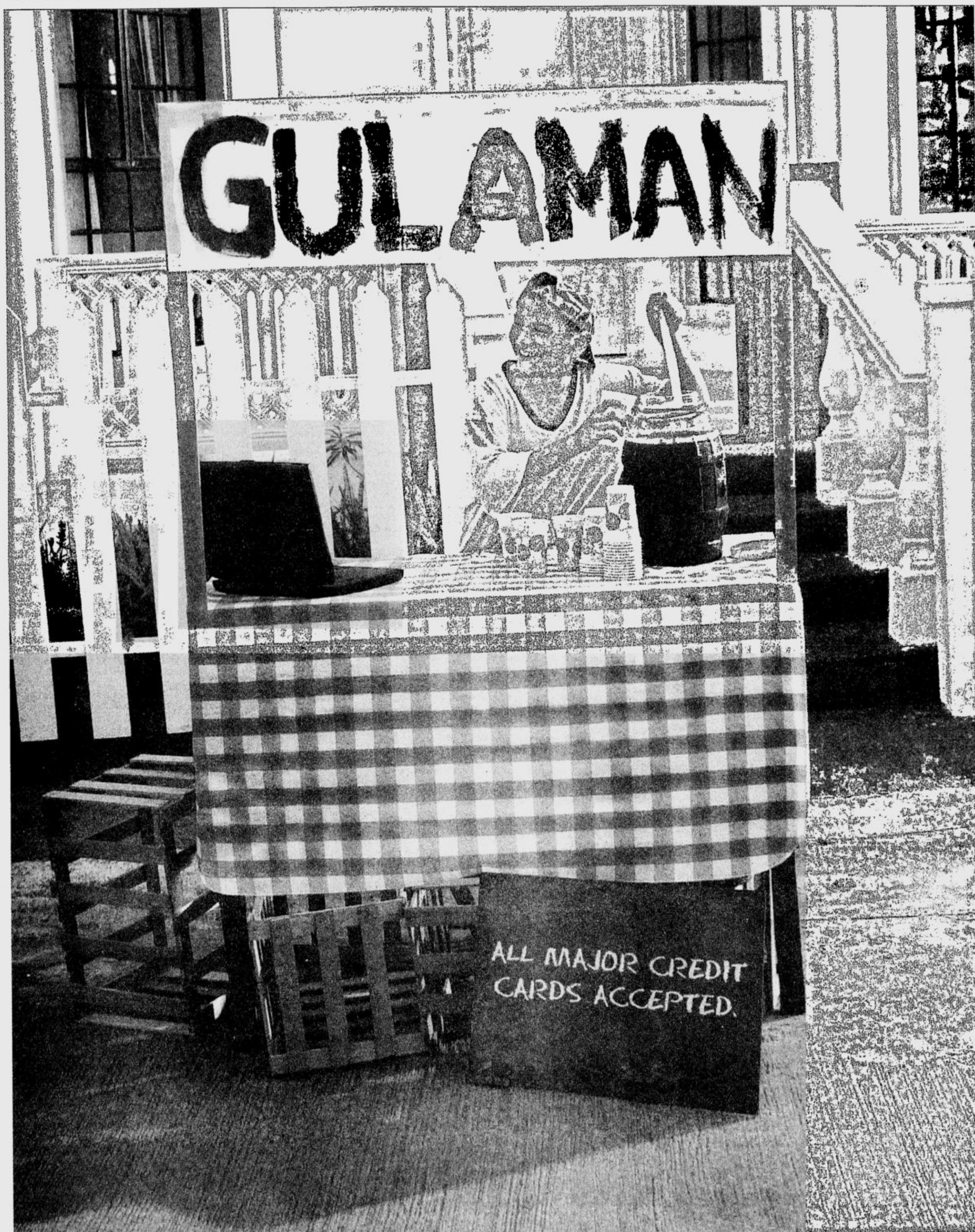
(GEM), a seminal study led by Babson College, one of the best business schools in the US, reveals that entrepreneurship is a major contributing factor to a country's economic well being, in terms of job creation. More entrepreneurs equals more jobs, which in turn alleviates the nation's unemployment problem.

It was in the hope of helping solve the unemployment problem that Thames Business School created its first Philippine college degree—the B.S. Entrepre-

neurship program. Thames' entrepreneurship course is a CHED (Commission on Higher Education) accredited four-year college degree program divided into 12 trimesters. Each trimester consists of 11 weeks of training in the form of lectures, seminars, and workshops. These activities are structured towards actively learning conceptual frameworks in business as well as solving simulated and real-life problems. What's more, the entrepreneurial course is done entirely

in the Philippines, which differentiates it from Thames' foreign-degree offerings.

The program draws its inspiration from Filipino entrepreneurial companies like Jollibee and Hapee Toothpaste, that have risen above the crowd and succeeded in situations where foreign giants reign. These companies are homage to the entrepreneurial spirit. And that entrepreneurial spirit is something that the country sorely needs right now; the main reason why Thames International Business School is starting their entrepreneurship degree program.



TALENT FOR BUSINESS? WE'LL HELP YOU MAKE THE MOST OF IT.

At Thames, our college entrepreneurship course hones raw talent into world-class businessmen. The core of this 4-year CHED accredited degree is Thames' intensive British curriculum contextualized in the Philippine entrepreneurial environment. The program is conducted in the Philippines and ensures an exciting journey through theoretical lessons and simulated experiences. If there's a budding business genius in your family, we'll help him get started.



Roco launches comprehensive health program for teachers and students

THE DEPARTMENT of Education, through the School Health and Nutrition Center (SHNC), launched Feb. 14 the comprehensive health and nutrition program for teachers and students, which aims to improve the delivery of health and nutrition services in public schools. Billed as "Comprehensive School Health and Nutrition Package," Secretary Raul S. Roco said the program will benefit public schoolteachers and students in selected public schools nationwide, through a set of health and nutrition services.

According to SHNC Director Thelma Santos, among the components of the program are health and nutrition services, human resource development, information and communication, and monitoring, research and evaluation. The program, which is set for implementation beginning next school year, has the following objectives: 1) to provide effective health and nutrition services to all students, teachers and non-teaching personnel in selected areas; and, 2) to determine the viable and realistic strategies in the delivery of effective health and nutrition services.

Among the health packages for the students are physical examination, vitamin supplement, deworming, supplementary feeding, treatment of common ailments, sodium mouthrinsing, extraction, filling and oral prophylaxis. Included in the health packages for teachers are physical examination, urinalysis, treatment of tuberculosis, health and nutrition counseling, management of common ailments, sputum microscopy, oral prophylaxis, blood chemistry examination, electrocardiogram (ECG) and pap smear.

Santos said the pilot areas of the program are Dagupan City, Nueva Vizcaya, Olongapo City, Antipolo City, Naga City, Negros Occidental, Cebu City, Leyte, Zamboanga City, Cagayan de Oro City, Davao City, Kidapawan City, Agusan del Norte, Baguio City and Quezon City.

(From The Education Post, a weekly publication of the Department of Education)

Making entrepreneurship the rule and not the exception

By Rahul Patel

THE NATIONAL Commission on Entrepreneurship (NCOE) of the United States summarizes entrepreneurship as being "the critical force behind innovation and new wealth creation—the key drivers of our country's economic growth."

The results of America's risk-taking entrepreneurs can be seen worldwide. Good examples include fast-growing Internet companies like Yahoo, coffee retailers such as Starbucks and the vast array of cutting-edge electronics products. The main factor in their success is innovation and the main effect is job creation.

These results are hardly surprising, when you consider the findings of NCOE's report, that "while fast-growing companies account for only 350,000 of the 6 million US employers, they were responsible for more than two-thirds of new jobs created between 1993 and 1996. These fast-growing firms are found in every sector, high-tech,

manufacturing, extraction (oil, gas, mining) industries, construction firms and financial services.

A new set of studies, the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor led by Babson College, a leading US College, has found that "one-third of the difference in growth rates among countries analyzed is due to the impact of entrepreneurial activity." Thus reinforcing the view of the NCOE that entrepreneurship is one of the key drivers behind a country's economic growth. Everyone benefits from entrepreneurship, not only in large-scale economic results but also in the form of improved products and services, enhancing the quality of life: airplane, contact lenses, air conditioning, next-day mail, superstores, heart valves. The list is endless.

Thus, the benefits of an entrepreneurial economy are plain to see, innovative products and services brought to market by entrepreneurs improve the quality of lives. These firms create new jobs. They make a country more globally competitive. They create economic growth and new wealth.

The challenge lies in bringing all these benefits home—how will the Philippines encourage the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship?

Public policies to facilitate entrepreneurial growth

Unfortunately, understanding the key features and developmental stages of entrepreneurship lags far behind. Mainstream media coverage frequently emphasizes the most unusual successes, creating misconceptions about the nature and evolution of most successful growth companies. Entrepreneurship remains celebrated but largely unexamined.

In the Philippines, social pressures against risk-taking remain strong. Without an environment supporting entrepreneurship, critically needed resource—money, people, technology and suppliers and customers—may be diverted away from start-up ventures that have huge growth potential.

One policy that can be employed is to encourage growing companies to share their risk with others—employees, investors, suppliers and even customers. This requires an education system that produces both employees with the basic skills (analytical, communication and creative problem-solving skills) and employees with the right technical skills.

To better prepare individuals with the necessary ingredients to be successful entrepreneurs means education of those general skills mentioned above and also some specific training in the requirements of entrepreneurship and business. Thus we should encourage the formation of extensive networks of entrepreneurs and professionals who can advise and mentor these entrepreneurs—a support infrastructure that will help minimize the mistakes of youthful entrepreneurs.

In America, schools have accepted the responsibility of educating and training the next generation of entrepreneurs. From fewer than 25 business schools with courses in entrepreneurship in the early 1990s, there were more than 125 schools with full-blown majors in entrepreneurship at the close of the decade. In the Philippines, the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) has taken the forefront in educating the country's current crop of entrepreneurs with its Masters in Entrepreneurship Program. On the college level, Thames International Business School has started its BS Entrepreneurship to hone the talents and unleash the potentials of the next generation of start-up entrepreneurs.

Interested college transferees for the BS Entrepreneurship program of Thames Business School can call 723-2207 or e-mail inquire@thamesintl.com

Insular's Life's advertising campaign

From page C9

above the obstacle and emerge triumphant. That is the Filipino spirit... it can be bent but it will never break. That is why we can indeed say, "Matibay ang Pilipino."

How to make this realization foremost in the public's consciousness so as to bring back the pride in being a Filipino was a challenge that Insular Life undertook. During its 91st founding anniversary in November 2001, Insular Life launched the "Matibay ang Pilipino" print advertising campaign, a campaign aimed at highlighting the many positive traits of the Filipino.

The print campaign is composed of a series of three advertising layouts. One layout highlights our tremendous faith in God. In the "Church" scene, the basic message is "Anumang pagsubok, anumang paghihirap, lahat ay malalampasan kung may pananalig sa ating Maykapal."

Another layout highlights our society's basic institution, the family, and portrays the Filipino's dedication and immeasurable capacity for hard work and sacrifice in order to provide for his loved ones. A father comes home to a warm embrace from his daughter after a hard day's work and tells himself, "Puhunan man ay pawis, puhunan man ay dugo, sulit lahat sa matamis na ngiti ng aking bunso."

A third layout, "Teenagers by the window," focuses on the Filipino's spirit of bayanihan and pagdadamay. "Kahit may lungkot at may tamlay, kahit may pagsubok sa buhay, may ginawang naghiniyay basta't ikaw ay may kadamay."

Through its "Matibay ang Pilipino" ad campaign, Insular Life brings to attention the many positive character traits of the Filipino, a reminder that there is still so much good in us, and that these traits will enable us to prevail over any adverse condition that will come our way.

AMA Computer Learning Center

No Tuition Fee Increase!

Nationwide branches for internationally-accredited IT diploma courses:

NCR • ALABANG New Alabang Centro Alabang Interchange Commercial Center 17770 Alabang, Muntinlupa Tel. 842.1501 / 03 / 807.2054 Fax: 842.0570 • BUENDIA 6355 SKK Bldg. Gil Puyat Ave. cor. FB Harrison St. Pasay City Tel. 831.0580 • CAINTA AMA Bldg. MR Center Marcos Highway cor. Tuazon Ave. 1801 San Roque, Marikina City Tel. 677.2413 / 15 Fax 645.0605 • CALOOCAN 419 D & I Bldg. EDSA Caloocan City Tel. 367.5895 / 94 / 361.8963 • COMMONWEALTH 372 Commonwealth Ave. 1104 Dillman Q.C. Tel. 434.83-45 Telefax 931.0820 • CUBAO Estolano Bldg. EDSA cor. Aurora Cubao, Q.C. Tel. 413.3473 / 724.9521 • DIMASALANG 2/F Elegance Mansion Bldg., Laong-Ilan cor. Alfredo St., 1000 Dimasalang, Manila Tel. 732.8619 / 731.8969 • ESPAÑA 1104-1108 New World Bldg., España cor. Nicanor Reyes St., Manila Tel. 736.3873 / 74 • LAGRO 4 M Square Bldg. Quirino Highway, Lagro, Novaliches Q.C. Tel. 419.6161 / 937.4960 • LAS PIÑAS 3/F D'March Bldg. Alabang-Zapote Rd. Las Piñas City Tel. 805.7716 Fax 806.3474 • MANDALUYONG 3/F Facilities Centre Shaw Blvd. Mandaluyong City Tel. 531.1364 / 4601 loc. 50 • MARIKINA 7 E. Santos St. Concepcion 1 Marikina City Tel. 948.2395 • ROOSEVELT 328 Mesa Bldg., Roosevelt Ave., S.F.D.M. Q.C. Tel. 410.2896 / 2904 / 2368 • NOVALICHES 2/F Isaura Bldg., 216 Gen. Luis St., Novaliches QC Tel. 418.6492 / 93 / 95 Telefax 418.6493 • NORTHBAY 3/F MTSC Bldg., Juan Luna cor. Capulong St., Tondo, Manila Tel. 252.9718 / 254.5688 • PACO 3/F LLS Bldg. 934-936 Pedro Gil St. cor. F. Agoncillo St. Paco, Manila Tel. 526.7175 / 76 Telefax 400.9660 • PASIG C-S Bldg. 799 C. Raymundo St. Carigohan, Pasig City Tel. 628.4557 / 59 / 59 • PARANAQUE Merkatm Bldg. 8428 Dr. A. Santos Ave. Sucat, Paranaque City Tel. 826.1831 / 7161 / 826.7208 / 1908 Fax. 820.0176 • ROCES 3/F Casa Bella Bldg. Rocas St. cor. Quezon Ave. Q.C. Tel. 416.4023 Telefax 416.4001 • SANGANDAAN 3/F Herrera Bldg. 380 Quirino Highway Novaliches Q.C. Tel. 456.3117 / 19 Telefax 456.0199 • STA. MESA G/F Isatann Bldg. 4201 Ramon Magsaysay Blvd. Sta. Mesa Tel. 713.6526 / 713.7093 / 94 • REGION 1 • ALAMINOS 3/F Bennet Bldg., Marcos Ave Alaminos Pangasinan Tel. (076) 551.3064 / 65 Telefax 551.3066 • BAGUIO 2/F Prudential Bank Bldg. Perfecto St. Baguio City Tel. (074) 444.8796 Fax. (074) 444.8798 • CANDON San Nicolas (beside KEA Shopping Mall) Candon, Ilocos Sur Tel. (077) 742.6537 / 6536 • DAGUPAN G/F Benito Bldg. Mayombo District, Dagupan City Tel. (075) 515.6288 / 89 Telefax 522.3110 • LAOAG #4 Bagumbayan cor Bonifacio St. 2900 Laoag, Ilocos Norte Tel. (077) 771-49-60 / 773.1970 Telefax 770.3521 / 770.3359 • SF, LA UNION 2/F Don Pedro Bldg. Brgy. Pagdaraon San Fernando, La Union Tel. (072) 242.3773 / 74 / 75 Fax 700.5473 • URDANETA 3/F Five Star Bldg. McArthur H-Way Nancayasan Urdaneta, Pangasinan 2628 Telefax. (075) 568.7369 / 568.7175 • REGION 2 • BAYOMBONG 2/F Remington Bldg. 194 National Rd. 3700 Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya Telefax (078) 321.2332 Fax 321.4225 • CAUAYAN Francisco L. Dy St. cor. Burgos St. 3305 Cauayan, Isabela Tel. (078) 652.2899 Telefax. 634.5313 • ILAGAN National Highway, Baligatan Ilagan, Isabela Tel. (078) 624.2647 Fax 622.3770 • SANTIAGO 2/F Omega Bldg., Maharlika Highway Santiago City Tel. (078) 682.7356 Fax 682.8615 / 682.7624 • REGION 3 • ANGELES 4/F Gloans Bldg. 293 Sto. Rosario St. 2009 Angeles City Telefax (045) 888.2749 Fax 322.0879 • BALANGA 2/F Santol Mktg. Annex Bldg. Don Manuel Banzon Ave. Balanga Bataan Tel. (047) 237.5272 Telefax 237.5273 / 5990 • CABANATUAN 2/F Limag Bldg., II Burgos Ave., Cabanatuan City Telefax: (044) 600.1694-65 / (004) 464.1581 • GAPAN San Vicente, Gapan, Nueva Ecija Telefax. (044) 486.2853 / 54 • TARIAC R & N Bldg. Alirora Cruz cor. McArthur Highway San Rafael, Tarlac, Tarlac Tel. (045) 982.3065 Telefax 982.3224 • IBA RHOI Bldg. Palanginan, 2201 Iba, Zambales Tel. (047) 811.1362 Telefax 811.1358 / 88 • MALOLOS Hiyas Bldg. Capitolyo Compd. McArthur H-Way Malolos, Bulacan Tel. (044) 633.4046 Telefax 791.4558 / 682.4046 • MEYCAUAYAN Aliralla Bldg., Calvario Meycauayan Bulacan Tel. (044) 840.9098 / 840.9342 • OLONGAPO 1040 Rizal Ave., East Tapinac Olongapo City Telefax (047) 223-24-50 Fax 2247914 • SAN JOSE CITY 2/F King's Bldg. Malasin, Maharlika Highway San Jose City, Nueva Ecija Tel. (044) 511.3717 Fax 511.1998 / 511.4381 • SF, PAMPANGA 4/F Ocampo's Emporium Bldg. Gen. Hizon Ave. Sto. Rosario SF, Pampanga Tel. (045) 961.2925 Telefax 963.3388 • REGION 4 • ANTIPOLO 4/F FEMAR Bldg. MI Quezon St. Antipolo City Telefax. 650.8784 / 86 • BACOR 3/F Bacor Bus. Ctr. Aguinaldo Highway, Talaba 4102 Bacor, Cavite front Revilla Res. Tel. (046) 970.2243 Fax 472.0420 / 970.3205 • DASMARIÑAS Lt. 4 Bldg. 3 Hernandez Bldg. Pasong Tala Brgy. Zone IV 4114 Dasmariñas Cavite Tel. (046) 973.0393 / 96 Fax. 973.0394 • GUMACA 2/F AQC Bldg., J.P. Rizal St. Maharlika Highway, Gumaca, Quezon Tel. (042) 317.4571 • LOS BAÑOS 5/F VEGA Bldg. Lopez Avenue College Road Los Baños Laguna Tel. (049) 536.5631 / 32 Telefax 536.5633 • LEMERY Palanas Lemery Batangas Tel. (043) 931.5215 / 931.2010 • PALAWAN Twin Bee National H-Way Brgy. San Pedro Puerto Prinsesa Palawan 5300 Telefax. (048) 434.2967 / 30-33 / 3034 • CANDELARIA 2/F Crown Plaza Bldg. Maharlika H-Way Candelaria Quezon Tel. (042) 373.0882 • SAN PABLO Jamora Bldg. Lopez Jaena St. San Pablo City, Laguna (at the back of Landbank along Rizal Ave.) Tel. (049) 562.4142 • STA. CRUZ E & M Bldg. P. Burgos St. Sta. Cruz, Laguna Telefax. (049) 808.5382 / 83 • SAN PEDRO 33 G & C Bldg., Mabini St. San Antonon, San Pedro Laguna Tel. 868.8542 • LUCENA 2/F Tan Bldg., Juarez cor. Enriquez Lucena City Tel. (042) 373.7593 • TANAY 3/F Bay View Bldg., Plaza Aldea, Nat'l Rd. Tanay Rizal Tel. 674.2814 / 674.2813 Fax 654.0947 • TAYTAY 4/F Manila East Arcade Manila East Road Taytay Rizal Tel. 660.4431 Telefax 678.5633 / 680.3839 • REGION 5 • DAET 2/F Guinhawa Bldg. J. Lukban St. cor. J. Pimentel St. Daet, Camarines Norte Telefax. (054) 440.0552 / 721.5557 • IRIGA 2/F JASACA Center San Miguel Highway 1 Iriga City Tel. (054) 299.5854 / 456.0400 Fax 655.0776 • LEGAZPI 2/F Patlo de Legazpi Bldg. 421 Rizal St. Legazpi City Telefax. (052) 480.4872 • NAGA 3/F Bookshop Center P. Burgos St. cor. Barlin St. 4400 Naga City Tel. (05421) 472.4988 / 999 Telefax 472.1388 / 811.6290 • SORSOGON 2/F Luisa Celeste Bldg. Magsaysay St., Brgy. Sulacan Sorsogon, Sorsogon Tel. (056) 211.2164 / 1518 Fax 211.2164 • VISAYAS • AKLAN Legazpi Midg., Martelino St. Kalibo Aklan Tel. (036) 268.3444 / 5726 Telefax 268.6817 / 262.7042 • BACOLOD 2/F MJM Bldg. Cuadra cor. Locsin St. 6100 Bacolod City Tel. (034) 435.2924 Telefax 708.9971 • DUMAGUETE Real St. cor. Pinill St. Dumaguete City Telefax (035) 422.8429 / 225.1233 • LAPU-LAPU 3/F AMCO Bldg. Pajo, Lapu-Lapu City Mactan Cebu Tel. (032) 340-75-30 • MANDAUE Door F-J North Point Business Center MC Briones St., Highway, Mandaue Tel. (032) 345.1237 / 2281 / 4355 • ROXAS J & A Tan Bldg. Fuentes Drive, Roxas City Tel. (036) 521.3725 / 621.0786 / 532 Telefax 621.5327 • TACLOBAN 3/F V. Esperas Bldg. Real St. Tacloban City 6500 Tel. (053) 321.5407 / 08 / 6636 Telefax 321.6315 • TAGBILARAN 2/F Lambert's Bldg. Ma. Clara cor. Remoldador St. Tagbilaran City, Bohol Tel. (038) 411.2866 / 235.4782 • ILOILO #2 Delgado St. Iloilo City Tel. (033) 336.9128 / 29 / 508.6871 Fax. 336.9130 / 28 • CEBU 2/F PACA Bldg. cor. Lorente & M. Zosa St. Osmeña Blvd. Cebu City Tel. (032) 412.4827 / 28 Fax. 253.6175 • MINDANAO • BUTUAN HDS Bldg. 999 J.C. Aquino Ave., Estancia Village Butuan City Tel. (085) 225.6200 / 841.5719 Fax 815.3248 • GEN. SANTOS Elevencionado Bldg. Cagampang St. cor. Mansanitas Gen. Santos City, south Cotabato Tel. (083) 301.2263 / 552.6782 • DAVAO 122 Interior R. Magsaysay St. Davao City Tel. (082) 224.1081 / 62 Telefax 224.1063 • ILIGAN 3/F Marietta Tower cor. Echiverri St. 3/F Marietta Quezon Ave., Iligan City 9200 Telefax (083) 221.5491 Fax 223.8894 / 95 • MARBEL 2/F samlson Bldg. Gen. Santos Gen. Santos Drive, Top Imperial South Cotabato Tel. (083) 288.4823 to 25 / 301.2263 / 552.6782 • CAGAYAN de ORO 385 MTL J.R. Borja St. cor. Pres. Aguinaldo CDO Tel. (088) 227.12742 • OZAMIS 3/F Susana Bldg. 7200 Rizal Ave. Ozamis City Tel. (088) 521.3619 Fax. 521.3620 • SURIGAO 2/F R.E. Laurente Bldg. Rizal St. cor. Gonzales St. Surigao City Tel. (082) 232.4823 / 826.4301 / 03 • ZAMBOANGA 2/F SAFAYA Bldg. #25 Veterans Ave. 7000 Zamboanga City Tel. (062) 993.2512 / 991.6583 Telefax 993.0503 • SOON TO OPEN • GUADALUPE 2nd Floor, Guadalupe Commercial Complex Guadalupe, EDSA Makati City Tel. 8820964 • LIPA 3rd Floor, Sunshine Plaza MK Lina St. cor. C.M. Recto St. Lipa City Tel. 043-9811710 • TAGUIG 4th Floor, Sunshine Plaza Mall FTI Complex, Taguig, Metro Manila Tel. 838.0341 • ROSARIO Marsella St. Rosario Cavite City Tel. (046) 438.3214 • BUKIDNON 3/F TS Bldg. Hagkol Valencia Bukidnon

In today's world, practically all industries need IT-trained specialists. Kaya sa AMA Computer Learning Center (ACLC), we offer internationally-accredited diploma courses on applied Information Technology (This is IT!) where the newest high-paying jobs are found!

Two-Year Diploma Courses

- Computer System Design and Programming
- Computer System and Network Technology
- Business and Information Management
- Computer-Based Accountancy
- Internet Technology

Other Programs Offered

- One-Year International Advanced Diploma in Computer Studies
- Six-Month Diploma in A+PC Support Technician (Comp TIA)

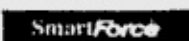
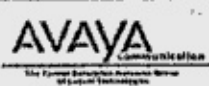
Double Diploma Program!

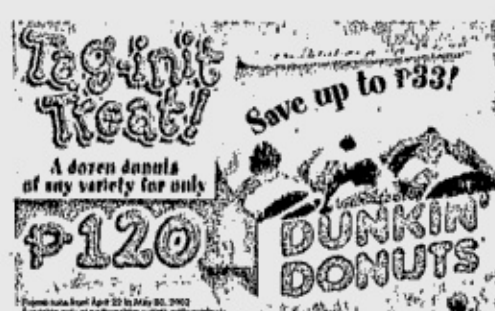
Graduate from our courses and get two (2) diplomas: 1 from ACLC and another diploma from NCC-UK, affiliated with the London Guildhall University.

Sa aming bagong Trimestral System, nabibigyan din ang ACLC students ng pagkakataong maka-graduate ng mas mabilis!



International Partners:





WINNING artists, from left, Francis Ng Teck Yong, Nguyen Quoc Huy, Mohammad Suhaimi Bin Tohid, Aung Myint (hidden from photo), Benjamin Dayrit Elayda III and Jaruwat Boonwaedilom.



Photo with 'painterly' resonance captures Asean Art Awards in Bali

By Alex Y. Vergara

LIKE artists who persist on breaking established rules in the pursuit of their art, people behind this year's Asean Art Awards have re-defined the competition's existing parameters as the biannual event drew to a close Thursday night at the Bali International Convention Center in Bali, Indonesia.

For the first time in its eight-year history, a color photograph by a Singaporean artist has bested paintings and other more established forms of art for the grand prize. Except for Laos and Cambodia, five artists represented each of the 10 Asean-member countries in the competition sponsored by Hong Kong-based Philip Morris Asia Limited.

PHOTO/p.D4

CENTER FOR POP MUSIC
Philippines, Inc.

this summer
BRING OUT THE STAR
IN YOUR VOICE.
Dessa did.

THE CENTER FOR POP MUSIC PHILIPPINES
73 Ermita Garcia St., Cubao, Quezon City / Tels. 727-5293 / 721-0714 / 411-7310

MAKATI CITY BRANCH Tels. 833-4639 • 801-6124	PARANQUE CITY BRANCH Tels. 820-4326 • 820-5872	LAS PINAS CITY BRANCH Tels. 814-5328 • 875-3929 loc 20	ROCES AVENUE BRANCH, O.G. Tels. 410-3062 • 3727029
CUBAO BRANCH Tels. 721-0714 • 727-5293 • 411-7310	MARIKINA CITY BRANCH Tel. 898-0909	LAGROTONALICHES (OC) BRANCH Tels. 461-3062 • 410-7010	
CEBU CITY BRANCH Tels. 10321-234-1120 • 234-1121	SAN PEDRO LAGUNA BRANCH Tels. 869-6702 • 520-0509	DASMARINAS CAVITE BRANCH Tels. 410-3431 • 410-3439	

MSA ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT INSTITUTE

UP, Ateneo, De La Salle, UST

and other
College Entrance Tests Review

May 13 to May 31, 2002
M-W-F

RCBC Plaza : June 1 - July 27 Saturdays

for Preschool:

Math, Reading and Writing
Entrance Test Review Grade I

for Grade School:

Math, English and Science
H.S. Entrance Test Review

for High School:

Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry
Biology, Chem, Physics

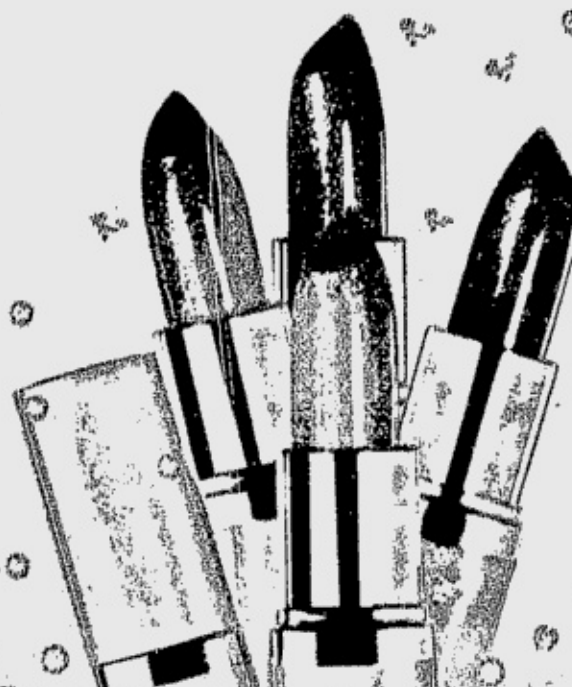
MSA ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT INSTITUTE
315 Katipunan Avenue, Loyola Heights, Quezon City

925-7544 • 925-7216 • 435-6062 • 435-6063 • 929-9145 • 929-9159
Alabang 850-6550 • 850-6551 Antipolo 646-8243 • 646-8245

A dazzling
new effect for lips...
diamond shine.

NEW MAYBELLINE
Water Shine
DIAMONDS

Moisturizing lip-conditioning color
with glints of Diamond Shine Pearls
in 8 multi-faceted shades



Josie Maran

MAYBE SHE'S BORN WITH IT. MAYBE IT'S MAYBELLINE.

MAYBELLINE
NEW YORK

www.maybelline.com

Summer Special

WATER SHINE DIAMONDS FOR ONLY P295. (Original price: P360)

Check out Maybelline counters for more offers.



ASIAN COLLEGE
OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY

ALABANG

Tel. No. (02)641-6377 to 79
E-mail: acad@acsat.com

BAYAWAN

Tel. No. (02)551-0260, 225-4804
E-mail: acad@acsat.com

CAGAYAN DE ORO

Tel. No. (08)229-79931, 799-6517-1745
E-mail: acad@acsat.com

CUBAO

Tel. No. (02)912-3236, 912-3239
E-mail: acad@acsat.com

LOWER ANTIPOLO

Tel. No. (02)681-5827, 681-5609
E-mail: acad@acsat.com

NOVALICHES

Tel. No. (02)418-3475, 938-9619
E-mail: acad@acsat.com

DUMAGUETE

Tel. No. (035)225-4714, 225-5941
E-mail: acad@acsat.com

CALOOCAN

Tel. No. (02)346-7221, 346-7223
E-mail: acad@acsat.com

CABANATUAN

Tel. No. (044)443-3318, 443-4144
E-mail: acad@acsat.com

BALIWAG

Tel. No. (044)673-2021, 766-4570
E-mail: acad@acsat.com

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

AFFORDABLE QUALITY EDUCATION

Microsoft Press

IBCT

University of Cambridge

Local Examinations Syndicate

Sun

COURSES OFFERED

BACHELOR'S DEGREE:
• BS Business Administration (BSBA)
Major in Computer Management
Major in Entrepreneurial Management
Major in Management
• BS Electronics & Computer Technology (BS-ECT)
• BS Office Administration (BSOA)
Major in Computer Systems & Office Management
• BS Computer Science (BS-CompSci)
• BS Computer Engineering (BS-CompEng)
TWO-YEAR COURSES:
• Electronics & Computer Technology (ECT)
• Computer Systems & Office Management (CompSys)
• Computer Science Technology (CompSci)
• Computer Engineering Technology (CompEng)

The Great Mother emerging from marble, wood and bronze

By Constantino C. Tejero

AUGUSTE Rodin's revolution in sculpture, particularly the rough, unpolished look of his figures, is still felt until now.

Michelangelo's slaves just emerging from slabs of marble were, of course, centuries ahead, but Rodin's unfinished look was something else. It was deliberate, created to make a statement.

A life-size sculpture in white Carrara marble installed permanently at the University of the Philippines Chapel grounds on Dec. 10 is a direct descendant of Rodin's figures and those of antiquity. It is called "Ina," which is supposed to represent the Malayan mother goddess but looks like a robust Roman matron or Etruscan woman.

That's small wonder, as the sculptor, Duddley Diaz, is a Florence-based Filipino artist. Since he got a scholarship in sculpture and painting at the Accademia di Belle Arti, he has been living in that part of the world for the past 15 years.

Studies of "Ina" were exhibited last December at The Drawing Room in Metrostar Building, 1007 Metropolitan Ave., Makati City, in cooperation with Galleria Duemila. The exhibit included small bronze, marble and wood sculptures of "Ina" seated in a throne decorated with owls.

"The pregnant figure looks serene and confident, with an aura of archaic regality," said the notice. "Her hair falls back in a graceful knot. Her feet are well rooted in the ground. The marble studies are rich with texture where in some parts the chisel marks are left."

Assorted symbols

The drawings are done in watercolor on pa-

per with one in graphite, showing the voluptuous woman in profile and frontal view in her owl-adorned Seat of Wisdom, in washes of indigo and chestnut or with orange highlight.

The most impressive is the gray sketch on tobacco-brown paper. Here the woman, with her great bosom, distended belly, big limbs and great feet, looks like a seated Buddha.

The study of the head in marble is an egg-shaped Malay version of the Nefertiti bust.

"L'Eletta," a huge bust in etched wood depicting a slender-necked, oval-shaped, owl-crowned head, partially painted red, white and black with the facial features outlined in graphite, registers some expression, but only slightly. It more resembles an archaic face, though rough-cut.

The smaller studies in cast bronze have the woman having assorted adornments and symbols. As the goddess Mebuyan, she has hundreds of breasts all over her body. With a snake-crushed underfoot, she could be Mother Mary. With the snake dangling from her hand, she could be Mother Eve. With an owl on her head, she could be Pallas Athene.

From piece to piece, the metal assumes various shades, from lighter, like clay with a greenish tinge, to darker, like mahogany or mud with a tinge of slate.

A peculiar piece, "Waiting for the Full Moon," has the woman, now with an owl's face, seated at one end of the rectangular bronze plate, while at the opposite end is a crescent moon nestled on a hopscotch marking on the ground.

Nurturing and wise

A very large piece, "Preacher," of carved and painted wood, is a nude of the woman

with distended belly and an owl on top of her head, standing mysteriously behind a shroud in a half-lit corner of the gallery. Forming parts of the set are 11 owls with orange bodies, white faces outlined in black, scattered around the hall like spooky costumes.

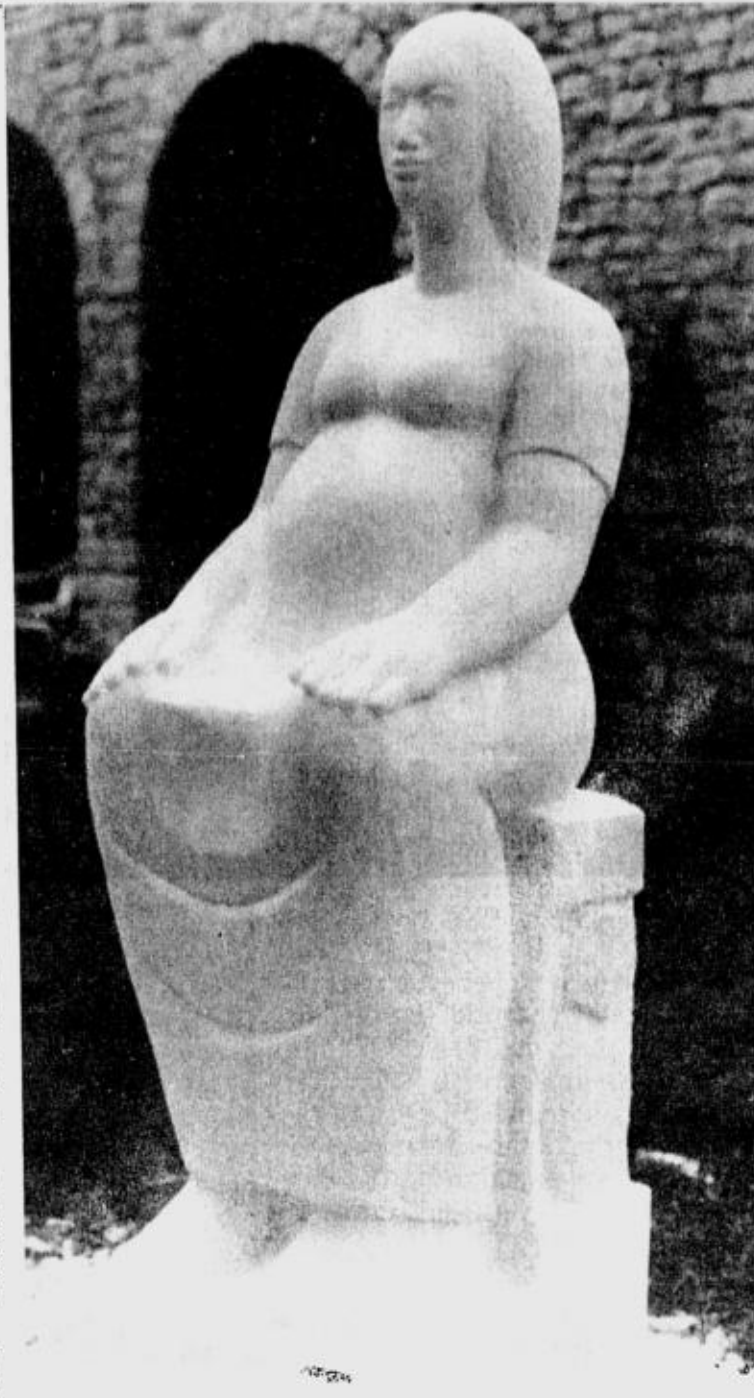
Related to the studies are two pieces that belong to Christian iconography. One is called "Eternal Mother," a Madonna and Child with dark-brown faces, the child in cerulean tunic and the mother in orange.

"The Burial of Jesus" is a painted high relief in wood. Joseph of Arimathea in green clothing and Mother Mary in cerulean, their hands and faces highlighted with red, are bringing Jesus to the tomb, while a red lizard on the ground and a red owl in an arched niche are watching. Only the corpse, covering the length of the frame, is unpainted. The cramped positioning of the figures enhances the oppressive emotion, the agony of the scene.

The imagery of the whole exhibit was one of the mother figure as nurturing and wise, patient and long-suffering, the goddess of wisdom, the Madonna—which just about fits an educational institution in whose grounds the final version of the sculpture has been installed.

Here the sculptor may have acquired a European sensibility and used classical mythology and Christian symbolism, but the pieces are also recognizably Asian. The elements do not clash, as they point to the same thing. Myths are universal.

From the prehistoric African clay figurines to the cast metal of Fernando Botero, and now the stone of Duddley Diaz, rounded figures symbolize the ever-fertile Earth Mother.



"INA"

Tribute to Mother Beautiful and Bountiful

By Gino Dormiendo
Contributor

IN AN AGE when the average Filipino has succumbed to the new world order dictated by globalization, information technology and never-ending scientific discoveries, the oeuvre of Wilfredo Alicdan may seem preposterously anachronistic.

Since his initial solo show dubbed "Buhay Pinoy" at Gallery Genesis in 1992, Alicdan has stuck to his thematic repertoire of the Filipino nuclear family in the rural context, parents and their siblings living the simple life, perpetually engaged in a variety of folk activities ranging from prayer and celebration to play and promenade, totally unmindful of a world divided by terror, hatred and greed.

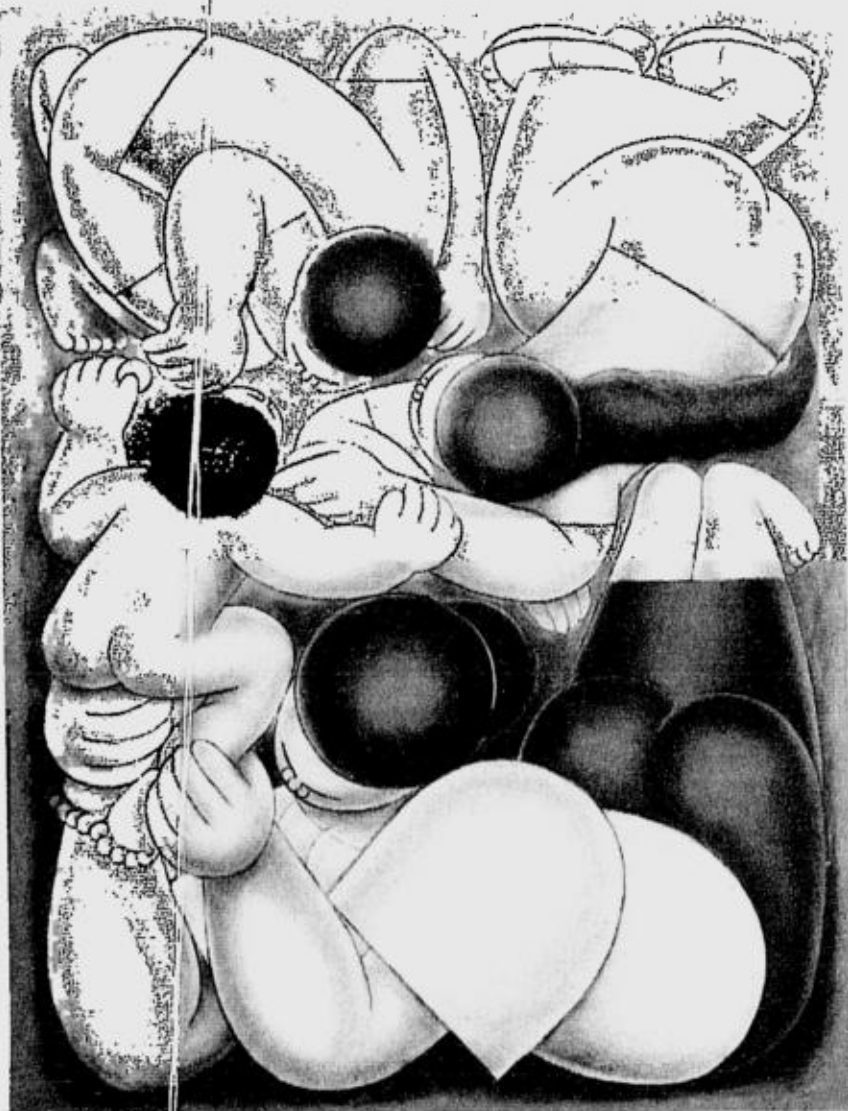
In his sixth solo show titled "Paradeisos" (Liongoren Gallery, 111 New York St., Cubao, QC; then at Kaloob Hall, 2/L Makati Cinema Square, May 13-31), Alicdan has surprisingly chosen to mark a new chapter in his artistic life with a daring move.

About half of the 16 works on display depart from his trademark square canvases, being now rectangular in orientation, with compositions in both vertical and horizontal modes. This augurs well for the 37-year-old artist. He finally ventures far beyond his normal expanse, presumably a way of pushing the limits of his teeming configurations.

Physiognomy

Transcending the issue of canvas dimensions, Alicdan has likewise deviated from his usual round, circular and rotund forms of men, women and children—humanity in the folk figure—and finally moving, stretching and extending the parameters, so to speak, of their basic physiognomy.

This is evident in the piece, "Song for



"HOPE," oil on canvas, 24" x 31.75"

Grace," which is a diptych of sorts, the billowy figure on the left that of the woman (symbolizing the muse, her namesake) Alicdan had recently married and, juxtaposed to the right, the outstretched figure of the violinist (the artist) in somber, pitch-dark composition.

Equally telling in terms of Alicdan's stylistic shift is "Paradeisos (Luke 43)" that shows the three forlorn figures on Calvary, those of Jesus Christ (sporting the wounds of the crucifixion) and the two thieves on his side, the stubborn one and the repentant one who ultimately gained salvation.

As with all of the artist's subjects, only the contours of their bodies turned away from us speak of this agonizing event of Christ's Passion on the Cross. On closer scrutiny, though, the viewer will invariably gaze into the emerging face of Christ aborne in the white-draped body.

Alicdan has wisely extended his repertoire to the subject dearest to him:

the Filipino family. Here, he returns to the time-honored values of familial bonding and solidarity, but predictably departs from those hoary clichés in this depiction of women as nurturers of life.

In "Hope," the mother is shown holding on to her babe, sans the father, while her two other elder kids are engrossed in playing with their youngest sibling. Or in "Three Women" and "Contemplation," where his subjects are engrossed in some invisible play and in meditative posturing, respectively.

The biggest piece also, by the way, uncharacteristic of Alicdan, is "Ritual at the Entrance," where he has a couple of nude figures at play with their flute and miniature guitar, their bodies now sporting calligraphic brushstrokes for that essential textural feeling, his colors permeating a newfound sense of vibrancy.

In "Trio," Alicdan depicts three musicians in black-and-white tones and lines, in sharp contrast with the intense red background.

In most of his works, the artist has wondrously begun to deviate from the norm of using solid, oppressive hues and, in their place, has now opted to be more experimental in a sense with nontraditional shades we often associate with fruits and flowers.

Not a few souls, however, have been quibbling about Alicdan's grossly inflated bodies, especially those of the women.

But this, precisely, is the very substance that makes his women—mothers, particularly—the paragon of Mother Earth. All the functions associated with, and the attributes expressive of, mothers, from giving birth to nurturing life, can only come from bodies strong, hefty and rotund.

With his joyous celebration of women, children, family, indeed the whole of humanity, Alicdan has now regained his paradise.

E-mail the author at gdormiendo@yahoo.com

Artist shows women still trying to break free from paper doll image

By Wilfred Marbella
Contributor

"PAPER Dolls" (part of a two-man exhibition titled "Of Landscapes and Paper Dolls" by artists Plet Bolipata and cousin Ivey Olivares-Mellor held recently in West Gallery-Glorietta and The Drawing Room) unmistakably deals with issues that women face every day.

Bolipata's collages deal with issues that are close to a woman's heart. "Paper Dolls" is a collection of works that deal with women's concern.

At the heart of the collection is a piece that virtually combines all issues into one whole farcical image of the woman whose very life revolves around fashion, home, sexuality and self-denial. Each of the five images of the woman portrays a role and reveals the inner psyche, whose very nature of self-denial is represented by a hideous head wrapped in a plastic bag.

The idea of self-inflicted suffocation is not too far removed from the Islamic women's practice of wearing the *abaya* so they are not seen by anyone outside their own sex or their own husband, making them virtual possessions of their husbands and prisoners of their sex.

Typical images

On the lower-right side of the piece is a woman who seems to be about to run, complete with tote in hand. This is another typical image of a woman—always running after something the family, immediate or otherwise, might need. The tote, an integral part of a woman's daily, if not whole, image, suggests her nurturing nature. In a tote, one can find money for the family's needs, maybe a Kleenex to wipe the sweat off the brow of husband or child, or half-eaten biscuits or sandwiches belonging to a kid who has eaten enough and kept them in case he or she looks for them later. A woman's tote is filled with items needed not just by herself but other members of the family as well.

The other three images in the collage show women with different styles of dressing. One has a casual sleeveless T-shirt and a regular skirt, another looks gypsy-ish in a floral printed blouse over a plaid skirt while the third has a strapless red after-6 dress. Despite the different clothes, the sexual undertones are hard to ignore.

Sad to say that even in the 21st century, the age of so-called equality of the sexes, sexuality remains one of man's most potent device for creation as well as distraction.

Media's influence

Another work could be Bolipata's quintessential picture for woman and fashion. It consists of half a page



PLET Bolipata's "Radha," mixed media

from what obviously is a fashion magazine showing the left side of the face of a fully made-up woman. The artist completes the image by drawing the other half, copying the features of the other side for something that is half-real, half-drawn.

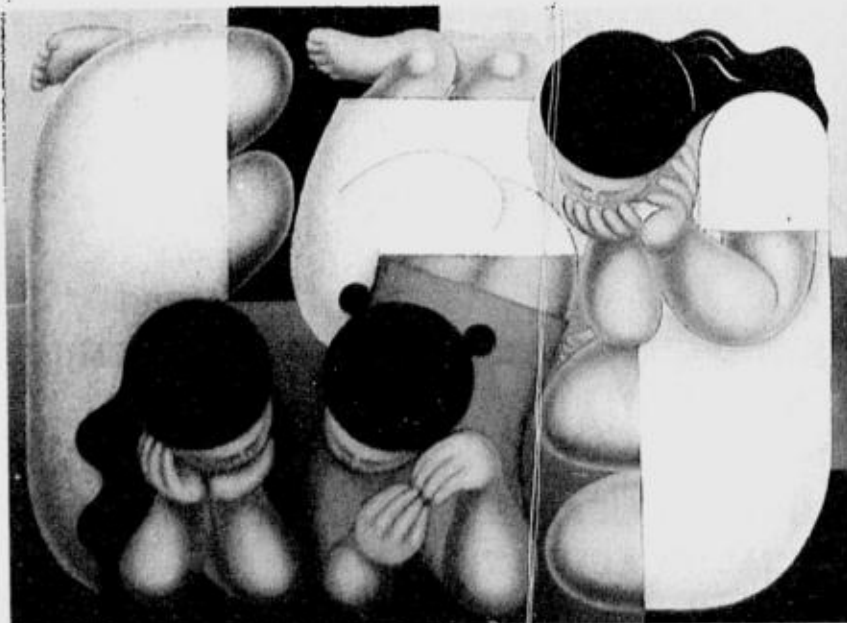
Bolipata seems to be paying tribute and at the same time disparaging media's influence over self-image. The gold fish in the bowl seems to suggest we all become, especially women, specimens or objects of scrutiny once we have put on our "makeup."

The woman sitting on her butt on the floor brings to mind supermodel Naomi Campbell, who fell during one of her numbers recently. Catching someone, who should be the epitome of grace and poise, in an awkward position becomes a media event. Media define the good and the beautiful.

The "Paper Doll" collection is about "inter-relationship." Bolipata is "commenting" about the issues plaguing women today—from self-image to fashion and home interiors, to sexuality. Through the artist's use of materials, and guided by her experience, each of the finished images is a representation of different issues.



"DURGA," mixed media



"THREE Women," oil on canvas, 24" x 32"

'Boycott McDonald's' ...

From page D8

be bulldozed on the road to progress. Instead of looking for acceptable solutions that can make both progress and historical landmarks co-exist and enhance a place, our officials look for the quick and senseless sacrifice of our heritage, in their quest to show 'progress' during their term.

"One of us started her early schooling at the St. Catherine's Academy in Carcar... Another one of us traces ancestral roots to this proud and charming town of Carcar... We deem ourselves lucky that we relished this heritage. What will this country leave for future generations to experience?"

"Progress is not only manifested in spanking and expansive new malls, tall glass buildings, concrete infrastructure. If that is all we strive for, then our cities will just be clones of any other metropolis on earth. Progress should be able to incorporate its enriching past into the city's continuing growth and development. There lies the challenge. Rome is a perfect example of how the Eternal City has blossomed amid its ancient ruins.

"Let us not be so quick to erase our past. Or perhaps that is why we as a people have no strong identity, no pride in our own country? We look to other countries as must-see destinations and fail to see the beauty and charm we have right here. We seek to tear down instead of enhancing our cities and towns. Perhaps that is also why we seemingly do not care how our country is run!

"We urge you, please stop the defacement and destruction of our historical treasures. Progress and preservation can and must go hand in hand. It only takes the will to let it happen. We must act now before we lose whatever few historical treasures we have left." Signed by Sr. Ramona Mendiola, ICM, Ma. Aurora Abjuela, Evelina N. Coronel, Esher R. Lopez, Ma. Corzaon V. Mendoza, Monica C. Mercado and Teresa V. Montilla.

Another story

Balayan is another story. The DENR issued a cease and desist order (CDO) against McDonald's on May 2 to stop the construction of its outlet in the front yard of Balayan Church. A consultation was held at the DENR office in Manila soon after that. However, Balayan citizens reported that, as of May 6, construction had not stopped and that interior fit-out of the outlet was taking place behind paper-covered windows.

The construction of a restaurant inside the compound of the Balayan Church is being contested by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the National Museum, the National Historical Institute, the Heritage Conservation Society and a strong group of concerned citizens from Balayan.

The church is a national landmark, inscribed on the list of 26 churches recognized as national treasures by the NCCA, the NM and the NHI. Because of its designation as a National Treasure, clearance must be sought from the three national agencies before any construction that affects the church or its grounds. No consultation was conducted with any of the three government agencies having jurisdiction over the site.

In Voronezh, Romania, McDonald's plans to build an outlet in the only open park located in the city center. Citizens have been protesting, trying to make their voice heard that they want to keep their park as open green space, but city officials have ignored the citizens' pleas and continued with the construction. The full story is available at <http://no-corp.voronezh.net/eng>. It is worth reading.

All over Europe, in the historic quarters of Australian cities and in Singapore, there are McDonald's outlets tucked into heritage structures. Historic façades are respected. The ubiquitous McDonald's arch quietly inserts into the façade without hovering above the buildings to mar the cityscape. Existing city views, not to mention vistas to heritage structures like in Balayan, are maintained without being covered by new buildings.

If the new restaurant is to be located in a non-heritage section of Balayan, then the building can be as spanking new and as bright as it wishes.

So it can be done after all. The idea really is for all of us Filipinos to get together and protect our vanishing heritage. So we must be vigilant.

In other locations, McDonald's has respected heritage and everyone is all the better for it. The precedent McDonald's and the Balayan clergy has been questioned by concerned agencies, NGOs and Balayan residents. And to think that good community relations are essential when establishing a new business in any town.

If you want to participate in saving the Balayan Church, fax a pledge saying that you and your family will boycott McDonald's until the restaurant in Balayan is dismantled. Fax it to the Heritage Conservation Society secretariat at 522-2497 or e-mail to hcsphils@hahoo.com. They will forward it to the proper persons.

To join the Heritage Conservation Society walking tours held every weekend, call the HCS Secretariat at 521-2239, 522-2497 or (0917) 795-2697 or (0917) 830-0293 for information and bookings.

E-mail the author at afv@pacific.net.ph

Award-giving body to honor brave Mindanao journalists

THE TITUS Brandsma Award-Philippines will honor this year "young but courageous journalists" in Mindanao.

This was announced by the Titus Brandsma Award-Philippines Board, which said it felt a need for a change in the prize's focus by bringing to the attention of the whole nation brave journalists in southern Philippines who continue to struggle for truth.

Theme of this year's award is "Journalists of the South: A Challenge in Crisis." It aims to recognize media people who work to help free Filipinos from the bondage of ignorance and grief.

The Titus Brandsma Award-Philippines is the local version of the International Titus Brandsma Award of the Union Catholique Internationale de la Presse (UCIP), the world forum of professionals in secular and religious media.

Brandsma, a Carmelite priest/journalist, defended press freedom and encouraged newspaper people to stand firm and to refuse to publish lies and propaganda, which cost him his life.

The local award was initiated by the congregation of the Order of Carmelites in the Philippines and is a biennial project of their media ministry.

Qualified print and broadcast journalists must be Mindanao-based or by nature a Mindanaoan. Nominations should be supported by the following documents:

A filled-up nomination form and a brief description of the candidate's career highlights; reasons for nominating the candidate; five copies of the candidate's work from November 2000 to May 2002 (18 months) tackling various issues including the Mindanao peace crisis; and two photographs of the candidate.

Nominations can be submitted by any media organization, nongovernment organization/people's organization, religious group or a member of the

Carmelite family.

Self-nominations will not be entertained. Nominees do not have to be Catholics.

Winners will be chosen by a jury consisting of two Carmelite priests, the chief executive officer of a major radio station in Mindanao and a Muslim.

Deadline for submission of entries is May 27. Winners will be formally announced in October during the Catholic Mass Media Awards. Call TBC-Media at 726-7763/721-8677 (telefax) or e-mail tbcmedia@csi.com.ph.

Paolo Manalo to lead poetry workshop

FILIPINAS Heritage Library will hold a poetry workshop 6-8:30 p.m., May 15, 22 and 24. Workshop facilitator is Paolo Manalo, literary editor of the Philippines Free Press.

At the end of the sessions, selected pieces will be published in the Philippines Free Press.

Workshop fee is P1,000, inclusive of handouts and certificates.

Call 892-1801 or e-mail events@filib.org.ph. Filipinas Heritage Library is on Makati Avenue opposite The Peninsula Manila.

UST summer arts camp for high school and college students slated in Baguio

HIGH school and college students are invited to join the 2nd UST Museum Summer Arts Camp to be held at the Tam-awan Village, Baguio City, May 20-25.

The UST Museum Summer Arts Camp aims to cultivate among young people value and appreciation of Philippine culture, through art workshops and heritage tours.

Pre-camp workshops will be held at the UST Museum main exhibition hall May 20-22. The camp proper will be held at the Tam-awan Village May 23-25. There will be workshops on photography, drawing and painting, and three-dimensional art.

Resource persons are Edrie Myrick Ocampo, Jaime Pacena II, Buen Calubayan, Noel Flores, Alma Quinto and Tam-awan Village artists Jodan Mang-osan, Jojo

Elmeda and Jeff Alanqui.

Tam-Awan Village is an artists' hub in Baguio City, nestled on a hill in Pinsao and overlooking the South China Sea. Major attractions are the native houses and the works of Baguio-based artists. The Tam-Awan Village Artists is a core art group of the Chanum Foundation, pioneered by Ben Cabrera. The village provides guests an opportunity to immerse in an environment of peace and creativity.

Workshop fee is P3,500. It covers selected art materials, transportation, and board and lodging. Call Jocelyn D. Tullao at 781-1815 and 740-9718, e-mail museum@ust.edu.ph or visit the UST Museum, UST Main Building, España, Manila.

APTECHTM

COMPUTER EDUCATION

Your career advancement depends on what's in your head.

Enroll at APTECH now and get a headstart in IT. Specialize in the cutting-edge technology of your choice. APTECH offers career programs on advanced Java programming, database management systems, web application development and network/systems administration. A profitable and fulfilling career in Information technology awaits you.

UPGRADE YOURSELF!



APTECH
WORLDWIDE

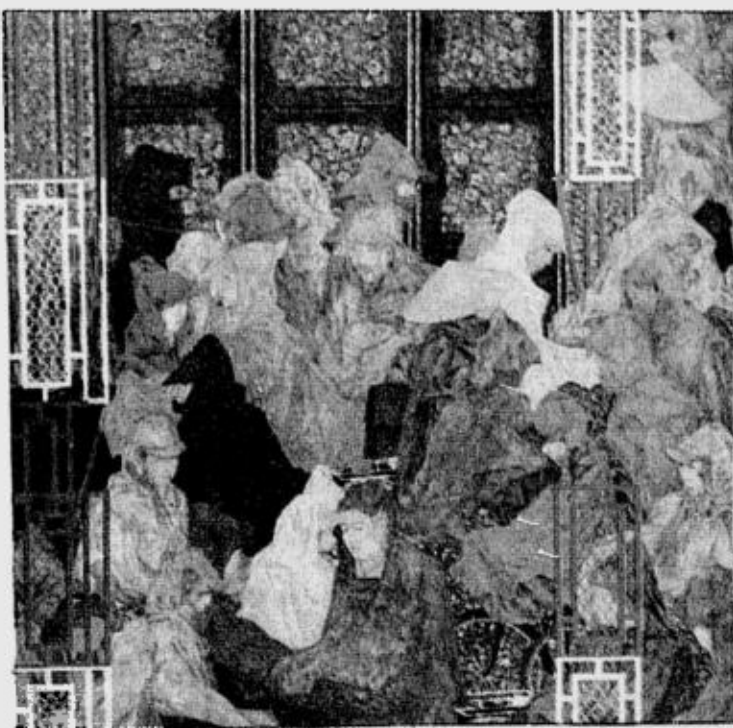
You may enroll or inquire at the following APTECH Education Centers:

ORTIGAS CENTER: 636-4382 to 84
MAKATI CENTER: 813-4516 to 18
MANILA CENTER: 736-2134 to 35
SUBIC CENTER: (047) 252-2605

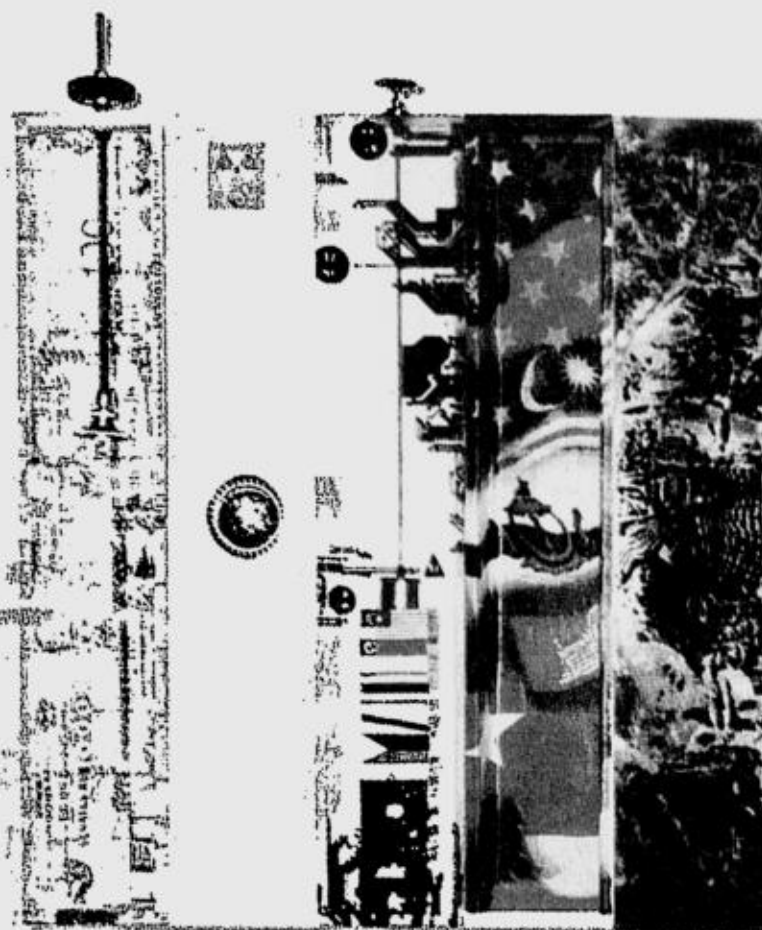
email: inquiry@aptech-philippines.com



"HOMAGE to the Mothers" by Aung Myint, acrylic on shan paper and canvas



"LIBERATION Road" by Nguyen Quoc Huy, lacquer



"JOURNEY" by Mohammad Suhaimi Bin Tohid, mixed media

Photo with 'painterly' resonance captures Asean Art Awards in Bali

From page D1

In "Constructing Construction #1," Francis Ng Teck Yong captures on film a huge, unfinished flyover in Upper Serangoon. The massive and stationary structure is made starker by the blurry image of a speeding bus below it.

In-between spaces

"We live in very troubled times and we still insist on making monuments to technological and economic progress," said Australian judge Pat HOFFIE before announcing the winner.

"The Grand Prize winner has looked at the way we construct these icons and led us to take them at face value. He has unpicked them and looked at them at a state of semi-completion or deconstruction. He has looked at the in-between spaces, an image which looked like a gigantic magnet asking us which pole to take."

Hoffie also cited the Grand Prize entry for its "painterly" quality. Ng's work has also drawn the judges' attention for its "transitional suggestiveness."

"The artist does not so much come out with answers to questions he has raised," added Hoffie. "He just leaves them hanging there much like the twin beams. Are they being cut, or are they going to be built later on? It [work] has a particular resonance after September 11, when we saw things that were seemed to be built for eternity becoming flimsy icons."

This year also marked another first for the Asean Art Awards as it did away with regional judges in the finals. Hoffie led this year's board of judges composed of Yulin Lee (Taiwan), Emily Sano (United States), Philippe Piguet (France) and Han Kook-Kim (Korea).

So, will future competitions include more photographs?

"We made the decision several years ago to open the competition to other forms of two-dimensional art beyond painting," said Ellis Woodward, VP for corporate affairs of Philip Morris Asia Limited. "I think that his [Ng's] work isn't conventional. That it captured the top prize is, in fact, a wonderful statement of what's happening in the art world here in Asia."

They have considered including sculptures, but the multinational company had to eventually abandon the idea because of the logistics of moving such pieces all over Asia. Well, perhaps in the near future.

Ng, 26, a part-time lecturer at LeSalle-SIA College of Arts and member of the Photographic Society of America, was ecstatic as he faced the media soon after the awarding. He received a trophy and \$15,000 in cash prize.

"I really hope that this [development] will give precedence to more challenging and thought-provoking works of art in new and different [forms] of media," said Ng, a graduate of fine arts from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

Mannerisms of the West

Except for Brunei and host country Indonesia, five artists from other Asean countries didn't go home empty-handed. For his oil painting titled "Valorized and Commodified

For the first time in the eight-year history of the Philip Morris-sponsored art competition, a color photograph by a Singaporean artist has bested paintings and other more established forms of art for the Grand Prize

Curio," Filipino Benjamin Dayrit Elayda III clinched one of the five Jurors' Choice awards.

"One of the best lines of work is from people who look at Western history," said Hoffie of Elayda's entry. "They appropriate those histories and they critique them in a way which reminds us where margins are. They provide us with a clear way of thinking and a very intelligent way of reexamining who we are."

Elayda's painting is made up of three panels featuring several indigenous people. The central panel is a monochromatic image of a white man—think Magellan—holding a bust of a native woman whose lips are plastered with a bar code. The script in the middle canvas reads: "This is a pale copy of a European original...and YET it is outside the pale of history."

"The script can be taken as an offshoot of the principal thrust of painting, pointing to the non-white painter's act of copying a famous painting in a provisional or tentative style," wrote Elayda in this year's souvenir book.

"...The text also insinuates and satirizes the idea that the only way to survive is to emulate the mannerisms of the West, hoping that by emulating them, the marginalized will gain entry into the history of ideas."

Splashes of primary colors are confined to the first and third panels showing several natives, which to the eyes of many Westerners were (or still are) nothing more than codified objects instead of living, breathing human beings.

"My entry upholds the validity of appropriation as a defining attribute of contemporary art practice. It focuses mainly on those who are marginalized," added Elayda, a fine arts graduate from the Ford Academy of Arts



GRAND Prize winner "Constructing Construction #1" by Francis Ng Teck Yong, color photographic print

Open-minded

Elayda won over 50 entries during the national finals held last year in Manila. Filipino artists and art critics judged the local contest. The other Filipinos who have reached the regional finals in Bali are Melvin John Ante, John Frank Sabado, Ronaldo Ventura and Ramiro Abayen.

Despite misgivings by certain members of the Philippine media about the Singaporean's victory, Elayda has remained open-minded about the result. He cited Ng's exceptional composition and his ability to capture such a powerful image. The degree or difficulty of the execution, Elayda said, shouldn't be the primary criterion in recognizing an exceptional work.

"An artist must find a medium that would suit or correspond with his intentions or intended meaning," he reasoned. "Whether he has worked on it for months or has gotten it instantaneously through a mechanical process, the point is the result should convey a clear idea or driving force."

Ng, for all his unprecedented achievements, has been able to seamlessly orchestrate his intentions through his chosen medium.

The Filipino contingent was composed of people from Philip Morris, its advertising, and PR arm Great Wall and the Ayala museum.

E-mail the author at avergara@inquirer.com.ph



JURORS' Choice—"Valorized and Commodified Curio" by Benjamin Dayrit Elayda III, mixed media

and part-time instructor at the Far Eastern University.

He and the other Jurors' Prize winners—Thailand's Jaruwat Boonwaedlom ("New Vision on Culture"), Myanmar's Aung Myint ("Homage to the Mothers"), Malaysia's Mohammad Suhaimi Bin Tohid ("Journey") and Vietnam's Nguyen Quoc Huy ("Liberation Road")—received \$5,000 each from Philip Morris.



"NEW Vision on Culture" by Jaruwat Boonwaedlom, oil on canvas



BENJAMIN Elayda is surrounded by an appreciative crowd led by juror Pat Hoffie (in a satin shawl)



FILIPINO artists, from left, Ramiro Abayen, Benjamin Dayrit Elayda III, Ronaldo Ventura, Melvin John Ante and John Frank Sabado

Lofranco at Avellana Art Gallery

JOSEPH Ermi "Jojo" Lofranco's "Emancipation/Anticipation" is currently on view at the Avellana Art Gallery, 220 Fresno Road, Pasay City. Each work on exhibit gives a glimpse of the process of exploring and approximating one's senses and emotions. Every piece is an embodiment of the artist himself. Call 522-9793 to 94.

FORBES AND VENTURA AT RED HOT GALLERY. Award-winning young artists Romeo R. Forbes Jr. and Roldan C. Ventura join forces in "Mutual Individuality," which opens on May 18 at the Red Hot Gallery and Restaurant, 100 Perea St., Legazpi Village, Makati City. The show ends June 7. Call 816-2877.

VISUAL ARTS

DE GUZMAN AT GALLERY 101. Contemporary artist Lito L. de Guzman will present his 11th one-man show, "A Creative Reaction, Artworks in Acrylic," 6 p.m. May 15, at Gallery 101, Kalma Building, 101 Quezon Ave. corner Sto. Domingo, Quezon City. The exhibit will showcase the artist's mastery of colors and composition in vibrant nudes, numbers, kaleidoscopic abstracts and flora and fauna in hues. The exhibit runs until May 31. Call 410-0159.

GOROSPE AT THE FINALE GALLERY. Waling Waling Gorospe's fascination with fabric, design and details continues as shown in her exhibit "Striations" at the Finale Art Gallery, 4/L, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. The exhibit features six oil paintings — four depicting women in increasing scale, a pattern against patterns, and two showing single subjects. "Striations" features the Cordillera tribes' sense of dignity and profundity. The paintings also celebrate the beauty of their unique textiles. The show runs May 21-June 2. Call 634-2410/2411.

MANALANG AT THE FINALE GALLERY. Pep Manalang holds her 12th one-woman show, "Dividing Line," of her trademark textured line paintings until May 19 at the Finale Art Gallery, 4/L, SM Megamall A, Mandaluyong City. Call 634-2410/2411.

PROMINENT QUARTET AT THE ART CENTER. Four of the country's most prominent artists join forces for an exhibit of their latest works at the Art Center, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. The show runs until May 23. The group consists of National Artist Ang Klukok, F Ben C (a.k.a. Ben Francisco), Agustin Goy and Romulo Olazo.

LUZ AT LUZ GALLERY. Recent paintings and collages by National Artist Arturo Luz are currently on view at the Luz Gallery, Locsin Building corner



"STILL Life with Pitcher 2000," oil on canvas by Ang Klukok



"THREE Women II," oil on canvas by Waling Gorospe

Ayala and Makati Avenues, Makati City. Call 815-6906 or 893-4376.

GROUP EXHIBIT AT THE AYALA. The Ayala Museum presents "Toys," an exhibit of the works of five upcoming young artists from the University of the Philippines: Marina Lynn Cruz, Butch Estandarte, Rodel Garcia, Lea Zoraina Lim and Paulo R. Vinluan. The exhibit runs until May 31 at the Ayala Museum art galleries, Old Makati Stock Exchange Building along Ayala Avenue, Makati City. Call 812-1191 to 95 local 103.

'INA AND THE BIKOL PEOPLE' AT THE ALCOVE. The Alcove features "Ina and the Bikol People," an exhibit of centuries-old image of the Virgin of Peñafrancia and a full-color mosaic of Bikol's people, places and traditions, at the Filipinas Heritage Library, Ayala Triangle, Makati Avenue, Makati City, until May 31. Call 892-1801.

ACUNA AT KULAY-DIWA ART GALLERIES. Artist Ivan Acuna will present an exhibit of big paintings in acrylic on board and canvas at Kulay-Diwa Art Galleries on May 12. Dubbed "Background Painting," it marks the reopening of Kulay-Diwa Art

Galleries. Acuna's works are in abstract expressionism. The exhibit runs until July 12. Kulay-Diwa Art Galleries is at 25 Lopez Ave., Lopez Village, Sucat 1700, Parañaque City. Call 826-0574.

'FIXATION' AT THE LOPEZ MUSEUM. The Lopez Museum presents "Fixation: Notions of Obsession," featuring the works of contemporary artists Alice and Lucinda (Yasmin Sison and Lena Cobangbang), Alfredo Juan Aquiluzan, and Ikoy Rico. "Collectors" (1998), a video work by Swedish artist Annika Eriksson, is also featured, courtesy of the Moderna Museet, Stockholm. Also included are the private collections of Jonathan Best and Raymond Red. The Lopez Museum is at the G/F, Benpres Building, Meralco Avenue corner Exchange Road, Pasig. Call 631-2417.

GROUP EXHIBIT. On exhibit until the end of May at the Skyline Gallery Restaurant are 22 recent works by members of the Philippine Association of Printmakers. Using varied printmaking techniques, the collection comprises of fine prints from representational compositions to abstract images. Skyline is on the 8/F of the Wynsum Building along Emerald Avenue in Ortigas Center. Call 687-3631 or 32.

SCULPTURAL CERAMIC MAKING. Learn to make functional and elegant ceramics in the "Earthenware Ceramic" workshop. The free-form workshop uses different techniques. Other workshops will be about copper wire jewelry, stones and copper weaving (bottle and candle), shade and

lamp artistry (adults); and Sculptural Clay Exploration, Little Potters, Tiny Crafters and Animation (kids). Workshops will be held by ART PACK, True Value, Power Plant Mall, Rockwell, Makati. Call 899-1985, 895-2318, or 0917-7934229.

WORKSHOP. Noted artists Mar Bongalon, Gilbert Perez, and E.R. Tagle will hold workshops on portrait painting, fashion illustration, and nude painting, respectively, at the E.R. Tagle Little Gallery, Enterprise Plaza, 1429 Pablo Ocampo St., Vito Cruz Extension, Makati City. Tagle's session will start on May 14. Call 816-0904 or 0917-9726223.

Recharge by plugging into the potency of the earth: indulge in the joys of modern farming here at NUSA DUA.

Located in Brgy. Paradahan in Tanza, Cavite, NUSA DUA's 200 hectare development is brimming with endless possibilities of working the soil — vegetable growing, horticulture and other farming endeavors.

NUSA DUA's fertile fields promise an unforgettable experience in enriching both the family and the soul. Through the communal nature of farming, family members have the opportunities to renew and foster closer family ties.

Making it easier for the modern farmer are various services and facilities we have to offer. From technical seminars on basic farming procedures and techniques, to supplying you with adequate planting resources, work assistance and a produce market where you can sell the fruit of your labors, we are behind you, every step of the way.



Farming has become more than just a means to an end. It has become a new lifestyle, a new enterprise, a second wind. And you'll find it all here, in NUSA DUA.

Nusa Dua is a quality project of Filiinvest Land, Inc.
FDC Bldg., 173 P. Gomez St., San Juan, 1500 Metro Manila, Philippines
www.filiinvest-land.com
723-1671 and 723-1669

HOW TO GET THERE:

Via South Super Highway: Take Cavemona Exit. Turn right at Governor's Drive until you cross the Aguinid Highway. Go straight ahead until you reach the Indang - Trece Martinez intersection (landmarks are the Cavite Capitol and a 7-11 store on your left). Turn right towards Tanza - Trece Martinez Road, and drive straight ahead until you see the NUSA DUA Farm Estate on your left.

Via Coastal Road: Upon reaching Brgy. Talibao, turn right going to Bacoor town proper. Upon reaching Brgy. Mabolo, turn right to Binakayan road going straight until you reach Brgy. Sta. Isabel via Kuyat Road. Turn left at the Kuyat Fire station leading to the EPZA Road. Proceed until you reach McDonald's Tanza, then turn left leading to Trece Martinez - Tanza Road, driving straight ahead until you see the NUSA DUA Farm Estate on your right.

For announcement purposes only.



"OLD Scene in Sta. Cruz II," watercolor on paper, is part of Paul Escobanas' 10th one-man show "Balik-Tanaw," which opens on May 17 at Galeria de las Islas, 3/F Silahis Center, 744 Gen. Luna St., Intramuros, Manila. The exhibit is a collection of 32 paintings of centuries-old churches and colonial houses in Laguna, Ilocos Sur, and his hometown Lukban in Quezon Province. Call 527-2113.

"MOTHER and Daughter," handcarved batikung wood sculpture by Elpidio Agbada, is part of Galeria de las Islas' latest exhibit "Her Portraits," a collection of different interpretations of motherhood for Mother's Day. The exhibit/sale is ongoing until May 31. Call 527-2113.



WINNERS AT ALI MALL'S NEW ART GALLERY
Judy Araneta Roxas (3rd from left), senior executive vice president of Araneta Center, poses with Saturday Group artists and raffle winners at the formal opening of the Saturday Group Gallery on the second floor of Ali Mall. Others in photo are (from left): Wilson Ma and Magoo Valencia (front); Frank Verano, Mauro Malang Santos, and winners Jessie Alfonso, Gogoy Avelino, Msgr. Dan Santa Maria, Arlene Arada, Lhar Santiago of GMA, and Augusto Pineda, who accepted the painting for Mario Dumaul of ABS-CBN. The prizes are paintings by Cris Cruz, Ben Infante, Frank Verano, Wilson Ma and Magoo Valencia.



ANTIQUE casks or pregnant bottles called *dama juana*, inherited by Josellito Mallari from Dona Pita.



VESSEL or kawit, sheathed knives and rope are tools for gathering tuba. PHOTOS BY VINSON REYES AND JUN REDOR

Heritage conservation workshop in Tayabas

THE COMMITTEE on Monuments and Sites (CMS) of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) will hold a cultural heritage conservation workshop in Tayabas, Quezon, on May 16-19.

Titled "Paliang Tayabas," the four-day workshop seeks to involve participants in the cause of conserving the cultural heritage in Tayabas and the other towns of Quezon. It is held with the help of the University of Santo Tomas Museum of Arts and Sciences, UST Graduate School, Tayabas (Tagapagtataguyod ng Yamang Kultural ng Bayan sa Salinlahi) and Tayabas Publication.

Delivering addresses are NCCA executive director Ma. Fina Yonzon, Tayabas Mayor Dondi Silang, Clarissa Avendano of the UST Museum, Msgr. Jun Melicia and Quezon Gov. Wilfredo Enverga.

The speakers include Corazon Alvina, National Museum director; Esperanza Gatbonton, NCCA Heritage Sites consultant; Trixie Angeles of the Heritage Conservation Society; Regalado Trota Jose, CMS chair; Fr. Ted Milan Torralba, chair of the Bohol Diocesan Commission for Cultural Heritage of the Church; Fr. Severino Hernandez, chair of the Infrastructure and Cultural Heritage Committee of Tayabas; Honrado Fernandez, director of the Philippine High School for the Arts;



GRAND pabitin

Maita Maronilla-Reyes, Archdiocesan Archives and Museum assistant director; Ino Manalo, Metropolitan Museum of Manila director; and Eric Zerrudo, GSIS Cultural Facilities director.

The workshop is a pilot activity that will be duplicated in other towns and provinces in partnership with the UST Museum and the UST Graduate School's Cultural Heritage Studies program.

Tayabas festival celebrates agrarian bounty and cultural solidarity

By Maria Lourdes B. Abulencia
Contributor

PAGSALUHAN ang biyayang hatid ng lupa, hangin, araw at bituin!

That's the invitation of Faustino "Dondi" Alandy Silang, mayor of Tayabas, Quezon, to everyone to join the unique Mayohan Festival, which offers thanksgiving for the agricultural bounty and other gifts that the town and the province are blessed with.

Mayohan sa Tayabas is the yearly program of the municipal government to foster solidarity and community. Through a nine-day celebration, which takes place on May 11-18, the Tayabasin honors the glory as well as blesses the wounds and sacrifices of the past.

Mayohan is a season to converge in Tayabas as the mother navel of the province of Quezon. From the *linang*, or countryside, the rural folk gather at the town proper. Those who study and work in Manila and other places return home.

They come to the center regardless of social status, religion and education. They arrive to attend family reunions, renew ties with friends and offer thanksgiving for the bountiful blessings of Mother Earth. For travelers and seekers, Mayohan is a time to take stock of their journeyings.

Mayohan opened May 11 with the Parada ng Baliskog, the Tayabas arch of welcome. Thirty-three barangays and various organizations of government and civil society exhibit their *baliskog*, all brightly decorated with Tayabas indigenous materials such as buli, rattan, dried flowers, *kipping* and *tistis*.

This year's Parada ng Baliskog featured the Tayabasin street dance, akin to the processional dance of Turumba by pilgrims who come to Tayabas as a prelude to the Holy Week.

Bazaar

Farmers, entrepreneurs, crafts people and artists come together in the Tiangge sa Mayohan, where shoppers and sellers can take delight in the abundant farm produce hanging in booths such as bundles of *palay*, giant *upo* and *kalabasa*.

Potential investors are toured around the Tiangge sa Mayohan, so that they can appreciate how a vibrant cultural life is indispensable to genuine development.

At night the Mayohan festival zone is transformed into a gregarious world fostered by *lambanog*, the coconut wine. Menfolk converge for the old ritual of *tagayan*, an intimate drinking circle in which participants drink the locally distilled coconut liquor from only one glass. The glass becomes a symbol of unity and camaraderie.

'Lambanog' festival

Among the Tayabasin, drinking *lambanog* is a ritual that entails responsibility. They are responsible drinkers. Responsible to the body, to friendships, to conversations and to the tasks that must be faced the next day.

As Mayor Dondi says, "Lambanog must not be a liquor merely associated with machismo and uncontrolled drinking. We have a whole culture that involves the drinking of *lambanog*. A civilized way of drinking it. And we must share this with the world!"

Mayohan promotes the development of Tayabasin's inner and outer resources. The coconut tree is the epitome of maximized resources and actualized potential. Every part of it is useful to the people: the *buko* and its water; the



THE MANGANGARIT tries to balance on a karitan. He is the hero of *lambanog* production.

flower and its *tuba*; the *niyog* and its meat; copra and charcoal; the coco lumber and the *ubod*. The coconut tree gives people shelter, food, oil, drink, ornaments.

Mayor Dondi says many problems beset the coconut industry. "We are now facing a depression," he says. "I do acknowledge the problem; still I would rather veer away from the act of blaming anybody. Why not look at the alternative and really take on the challenge? There is a positive side to every darkness. We must ask: What is the depression telling us?"

For Mayor Dondi, the *lambanog* industry is the bright star in the night sky. "It is a very promising alternative. With *lambanog*, the coconut industry can recover. After all, there is no *lambanog* in other parts of the world. *Lambanog* production will contribute substantially to the country's income, as a dollar earner and export winner."

Hagisan ng Suman

On May 15, Mayohan gives tribute to San Isidro with a procession reminiscent of the yearly Quiapo devotion to Jesus Nazareno. From many towns of Quezon, multitudes of peasants and workers converge in Tayabas to join the procession.

The pilgrims clamor for *suman* and other

pabitin as their sweat, strength and rivalry pervade in the air. Impelled by their yearly *panata* or sacrificial devotion to San Isidro, they participate in the Hagisan ng Suman, believing that the bounty gathered in their sacks presages a bountiful harvest and overall economic improvement.

Suman is the ritual gift of Hagisan. The Tayabasins cook it with enthusiasm because Hagisan is an opportunity to share their prosperity. Bundles of *suman* are gaily tied in the *pabitin*, which is made of a special kind of bamboo called *bagakay*.

Pabitin is actually an installation art. As soon as the image of San Isidro passes by, the *pabitin* must be emptied of its colorful array of abundance, which, aside from *suman*, includes banana, *buko*, pineapple and other summer fruits.

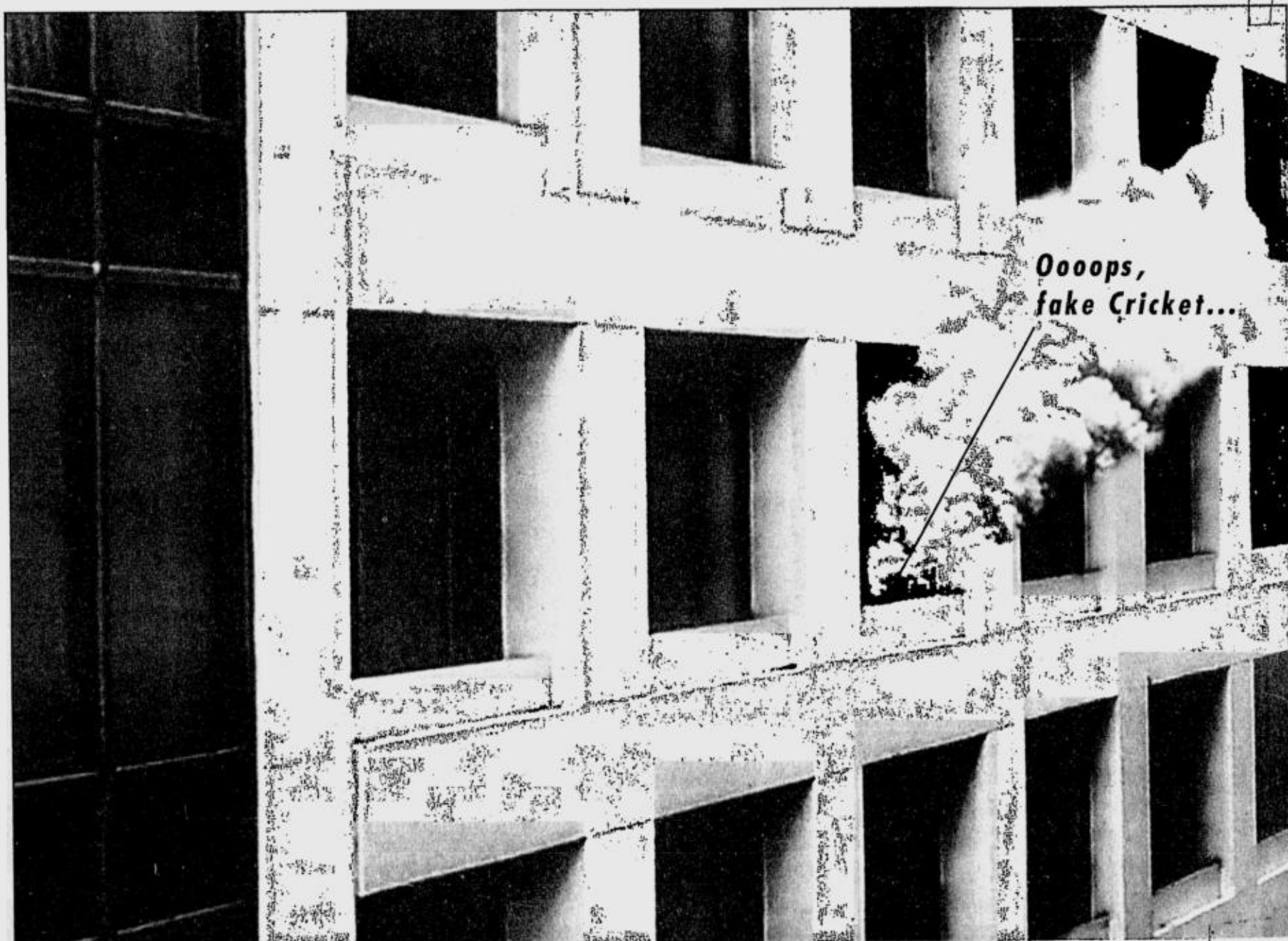
Unstoppable is the outpouring of voices during the Hagisan ng Suman. Full of primal joy for both the giver and the receiver, Hagisan has two inseparable gestures. Letting go for those who freely give. Openness for those who receive. One is nourished by the other, and the experience graces both giver and receiver in an attitude of deep gratitude for a life of plenty.



NATIVE décor of bounty



TAGAYAN of lambanog



LAMBANOG in bottles. The folk drink can become an export item.



◁ A fake Cricket lighter is not a joke. It's an accident waiting to happen; it may explode under extreme heat because it's made of reused plastic. If your lighter has NCC engraved on its metal top cap, it's fake. This is the real Cricket. ▷



'Boycott McDonald's' campaign launched to save Balayan Church

AN ALARM was sounded in this column three weeks ago to alert the public on events threatening two heritage sites of national importance, the town of Carcar in Cebu and the church of Balayan, Batangas.

A highway construction threatens to cut Carcar in half. The highway will pass through the main street, requiring the demolition of the late 19th century homes on both sides of the street. Recent events in Carcar have been positive. Concerned citizens have organized the Carcar Heritage Conservation Society to start a strong lobby to stop the construction and to establish mechanisms to preserve the heritage of their town. Contact the organization through mvcastro@skyinet.net or jmnalfafara@yahoo.com

SPACED OUT

Augusto F. Villalon



A letter received from a group of Carcaranons in Manila says it all. They write: "We are a group of ICM religious sisters of St. Theresa's College, QC and Theresian classmates from Cebu who live in Manila. We would like to strongly register our protest against the seemingly systematic destruction of precious, irreplaceable national treasures in our country. And it seems like the latest in danger of extinction are the

Carcar old-timers unite against highway project that will destroy the town

rows of well-preserved 'bahay na bato' lining the main street of Carcar, Cebu.

"While many other countries go all out to preserve whatever historical sights and resources they have for future generations to enjoy, we seem to systemati-

cally seek the destruction of anything old in our country. All in the name of progress. Nations derive their experience, strength and pride from their links with the past. They realize their heritage provides the foundation, the moorings, to stand tall through turmoil and triumph. The continuity of the past runs through the veins of a people. The past molds their identity and character. Indeed, the very spirit of a nation and its people.

"A country bereft of such heritage is a country without depth and character. It loses its very soul. Destroying historical symbols to give way to modernization is a shallow and shortsighted approach to progress. It shows no respect for itself as a nation. Other countries have succeeded



ILLUSTRATION: ALBERT RODRIGUEZ

in progress yet proudly preserve and respect whatever historic structures they have as their source of cultural and national uniqueness. These sights and structures are revered with pride for their ability to withstand the rigors of the ages and for what they signify.

"Such is Carcar—one of the few remaining well-preserved historic towns. It is Cebu's own Vigan...And instead of being eternally grateful that we still can find such a rarity, we regard these treasures instead as obstacles to

BOYCOTT/p.D3

PLDT myDSL Broadband Internet

Dad uploads "Dissertation on Vector Quantities"	14 MB
Mom does video-conferencing with the U.S. Society of Astrophysicists	20 MB
Sally watches streaming video on Differential Calculus	16 MB
Pete plays on-line game "Chemistry Chaos"	21 MB

71 MB Elapsed time: 10 mins.* **DONE**

With PLDT myDSL, the family can enjoy more quality time on and off line.

Get the fastest residential broadband internet connection available with PLDT myDSL. It allows you to do more things on-line in less time. Giving the rest of the family their fair share of internet applications such as surfing, downloading, streaming video and audio and internet gaming. And with that out of the way, you can spend the rest of the time attending to more important things. PLDT myDSL offers:

Broadband Connections - Uses lines capable of handling greater amounts of data.
Direct and Dedicated Lines - Gives you access to the net without the delays of user traffic.
Unlimited Usage - Stay on-line all the time. No need to dial-up. No need to log-off.
Simultaneous Use of Phone Lines - Allows you to call and fax even while surfing.

*Downloaded at 256 kbps

myDSL
Hi-Velocity Internet

To apply for PLDT myDSL, pls. visit us at www.pltdsl.com, call 171 or go to the nearest business office. Our DSL task force will then schedule a house visit to check if your telephone line is DSL capable. Available in Metro Manila and key cities nationwide.



Play on government corruption tours public offices

By Cora Llamas
Contributor

THE TRAGIC moment, etched for ever in our memory, is repeated endlessly in innumerable offices in respectable institutions built primarily to serve the people. In this scenario, though, the people are losing.

OF STAGE A people's family court tasked to mete justice impartially to all who come near it, regardless of status or economic clout, sides with the elite and the moneyed. Decisions are bought at a few thousand pesos and several expensive dinners. The lawyers and justices mandated to guard the truth turn a blind eye or, worse, lead in the corruption. The ordinary workers sleep the day away, waiting for the next dole-out, neglecting the tons of unread cases that still have to be processed.

Only one idealistic lawyer, hearing officer Cely Martinez (Irma Adlawan Marasigan), dares to stem the crowd. She speeds up the processing, without waiting for reward or favor.

PLAY/ p.E2



CCP artistic director Nanding Josef

WEIGH LESS CENTER

A new and revolutionary concept in weight loss and skin care.

What makes the stars glow.

Free of day spa and massage when you enroll!

Dermastar Skin Whitening

WE'RE OPEN! BINGO! WEIGH LESS CENTER 408 San Fernando St., Binondo

WEIGH LESS CENTER & SPA, 316-318 Pines Ave., Q.C.

CLINICA DANIELA, 2F Bldg. A, 5th Floor, Mandaluyong City

PATIENT FIRST MEDICAL CENTER, 2F Mercury Bldg. Glorietta Mall

HEALTHWAY MEDICAL CLINIC, 2nd Flr. Festival Supermall (Pine Forest Entrance)

3rd Flr. The Plaza Bldg., Greenbelt Shopping Center, M.C.

CEBU HOLDINGS, Suite 305 Cebu Business Park, Ayala Center, Cebu City

PAMPANGA CLINIC, C.Y. G. Bldg., 2nd Flr. 212 B. Marasigan St., San Fernando, Pampanga

DAVAO BRANCH, Chancery Davao, Flaminio Bldg., A. Delosado St., Davao City, 8000

DAVAO BRANCH, Cebu Lucena District, Dagupan City (Don't Open)

BAKOLOD BRANCH, Palanca Center Resorts, Cebu Jovita Hall, JR. Torres Subd., Bacoled City

373-0766 / 374-2437 / 371-8886 / 371-8887 / 373-3365 / 373-3366

ALL CLIENTS ARE SCHEDULED BY APPOINTMENT

Health & Beauty

THE AROMA THERAPY CENTER

acupuncture, aromatherapy, reflexology

5/F Bldg. B SM Megamall

637-5411-12

2/F Garden So. Bldg. Greenbelt

812-9002

VALERIE & STILED VEINS

Body Accents Cosmetic Surgery-Skin & Vascular Vein Treatment Center

W/O TREATMENT SURGERY

928-1610, 927-9375, 687-5392

Free Consultation!!!

AVAIL OUR SUMMER PROMO!

- Medical Weight Management/Slimming
- Facial Treatment
- Skin & Body Treatment
- Detoxification Massage
- Physical Therapy Cases

BODYMODE

WEIGHT LOSS MANAGEMENT & FACIAL CENTER

752-6646

817-2834

4/F RCI Bldg., 105 RADA ST. LEGASPI VILL., MAKATI CITY

BODY WELLNESS

acupuncture, aromatherapy, reflexology

For Men and Women

1528 Bldg. San Francisco 1 Bldg. Inc.

Tel. 372-3403

25% DISCOUNT

FREE AROMA WHITENING UPON ENROLLMENT

- Intensive Facial Treatment
- Specific Skin & Body Care
- Non-Surgical Facelift
- See & Experience The Difference...

WHY YOU SHOULD SAY YES TO A SUMMER YOU!

20% DISCOUNT

ON ALL SLIMMING PROGRAM

FREE TRIAL TREATMENT FOR THE FIRST 30 CLIENTS

40% DISCOUNT ON ALL Power Peel

- W/ FREE UNDERARMS WHITENING
- SKIN PROTECTANT
- WHOLE BODY SLIMMING

Power Peel

Face & Body Skin Care Clinic

TELEFAX: 413-7459

8058 Future Point Plaza, 112 Pines Ave., Q.C.

DIYKATIN YOUR PRODUCTS, M.C. 8058 FUTURE POINT PLAZA, 112 PINES AVE., Q.C.

Look Better, Feel Better and Enjoy Vim and Vigor

POWER-UP

Burns Fat and Boosts Energy!

Exclusively distributed in the Philippines by: HEALTH FOOD & HERB PRODUCTS, INC. Park Square 1, Ayala Center, Makati City Tel. Nos. 894-2386 • 894-2387 Website: www.drinktohealthfood

1 lost 61 pounds in 5 months with Power-Up! It's safe and effective!

Available at all mercury drug Watsons NUTRACEUTICAL SYSTEM INC.

Alma Koronel

Wild On White sand BORACAY

Valid until May 31, 2002

	SUPERIOR ROOM	DELUXE ROOM
TWIN SHARING Extra night w/breakfast	P3,735.00/person P 1,580.00/	P 4,295.00/person P 1,870.00/
TRIPLE SHARING Extra night w/breakfast	P3,075.00/person P 1,260.00/	P 3,445.00/person P 1,445.00/

Package Includes: 3 Days/2 Nights AIRCON Room Accommodation • Daily Set Breakfast Roundtrip Land/Sea Transfers via Island Star Express • Welcome Drink • Free Fruit Shake Free Rock Wall Climbing • Free use of Swimming Pool and Jacuzzi

Call us at 846-2222 to 28 Email: sales@pinkpatio.com www.pinkpatio.com

LUZON, VISAYAS, MINDANAO NAKA-TOUCH MOBILE NA!

MATIPID ANG CALLS P6.50 PER MINUTE LANG!

GALING NG SOUND ICONS MO SA VOICE MESSAGING CHARLENE!

PASIG CITY

TAGAYTAY CITY

WOW! UP-TO-DATE KA SA SHOWBIZ TALK WITH BOY ABUNDA SA VOICE INFO.

BATANGAS CITY

OKAY NA OKAY SA TEXTING!

BAGUIO CITY

WHEREVER WE GO WITH THE FAMILY MALAKAS ANG SIGNAL!

SA VOICE INFO LAGI AKONG INFORMED, MAY NEWS, HOROSCOPE, MOVIES, TRAFFIC REPORT...

CEBU CITY

SA IBA MAHAL, DITO P6.50 PER MINUTE LANG KAYA NAG SWAP NA AKO SA TOUCH MOBILE.

PUERTO PRINCESA

MAG-TOUCH MOBILE NA RIN KAYO!

NA-RECEIVE MO YUNG VOICE MESSAGE KO WITH SOUND ICON?

YES BABY... SWEET MO NAMAN.

TOUCH MOBILE

*Lowest rate at P6.50 per minute sa Prepaid GSM applies to voice calls made from 8:01 am to 10:00 pm, Mondays to Saturdays.

touch mobile

Touching you more often in more ways.

Powered by: **GLOBE TELECOM**

For more information: Call 808 from Touch Mobile handsets (24-hour Hotline); Toll-free 730-1500 from any local landline or visit: www.touchmobile.com.ph

Pinay makes big impression in London theater

LONDON'S West End has a new Filipina darling.

Sheila Francisco, an underrated character actress who clinched choice roles in back-to-back Trumpets musicals "The Little Mermaid" and "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe," has earned rave reviews for her role as Bloody Mary in the Royal National Theatre's (RNT) revival of "South Pacific."

Handpicked by renowned director Trevor Nunn after he failed to find the voice he wanted in auditions in America, Francisco disarmed fellow actors and critical British audiences with her big caressing voice and comic dynamism, and earned glowing remarks from theater critics.

Endorsed by the British Council, Francisco walked straight into the RNT in costume upon arriving in London. Nunn and the rest of the production staff were already intrigued by a demo tape she sent, a recording of one of Chingoy Alonso's corporate gigs for Sunlife. When she entered the theater, they knew she was James Michener's Bloody Mary come to life. The lavish revival is funded in part by Cameron Mackintosh.

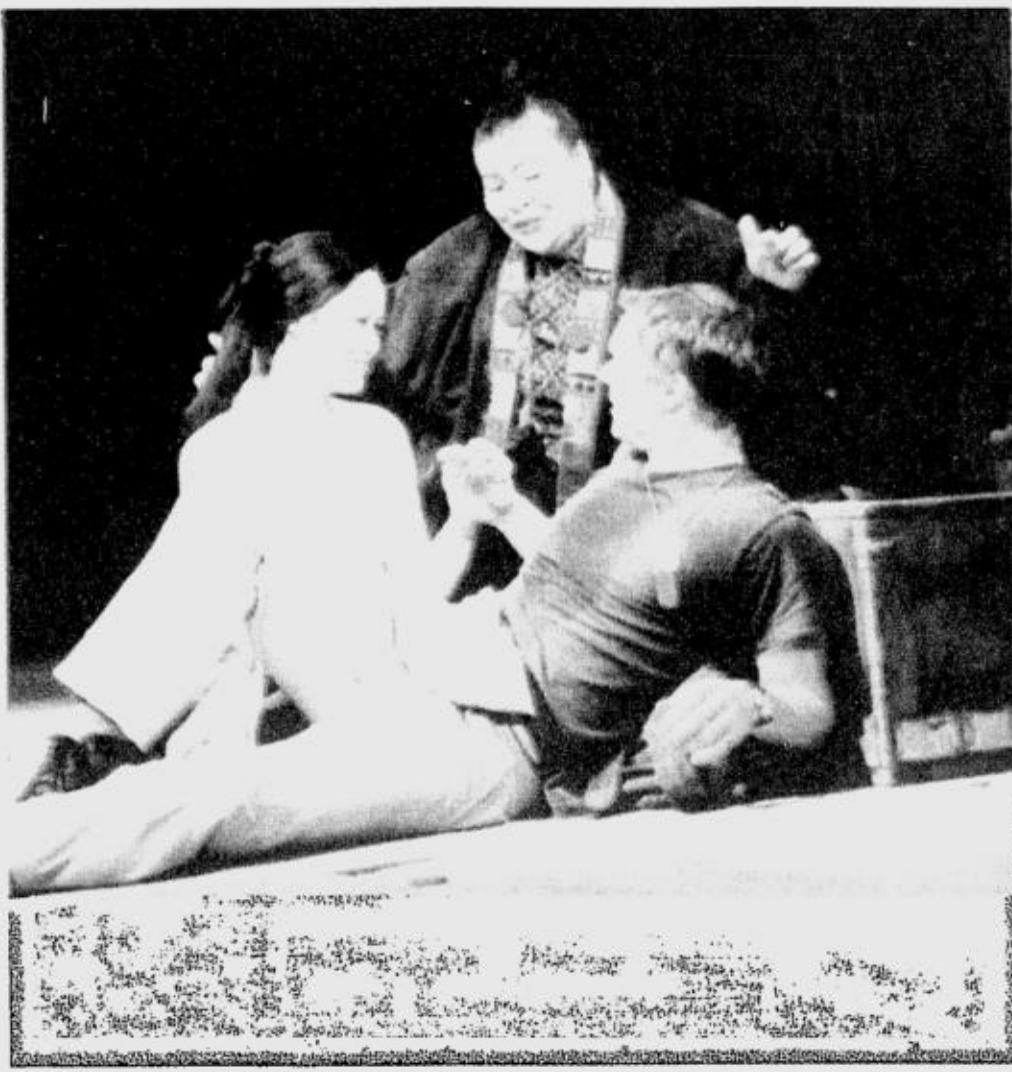
Nunn, currently the RNT's artistic director, is credited with successful musical ventures of Andrew Lloyd Webber—"Cats," "Starlight Express" and "Sunset Boulevard." He is also responsible for the original production of "Les Misérables." At 28, he became the youngest artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, which he led for 18 years. His directorial credits also include the Emmy Award-winning version of "Nicholas Nickleby" and the Glenda Jackson-starrer "Hedda."

Through his company, Adventures in Mo-

'Sheila Francisco, as wide as she is tall, offers great entertainment value and steals the show'



SHEILA Francisco



ROYAL National Theater's "South Pacific"

tion Pictures (AMP), choreographer Matthew Bourne created dramas and comedies that bridged the gulf between theater and the dance world, including sensational works like "Swan Lake" and "Cinderella." His connection with the National began with the much-acclaimed team up with Nunn in "My Fair Lady."

Nunn and Bourne reinterpret and reposition "South Pacific" with greater intimacy, making the show more affecting in order to overcome the audience's cynicism and know- ingness.

Their reworking of Bloody Mary into a full-blooded woman makes Francisco's star shine. Nunn makes her deliver the second act's "Happy Talk," ironically as an act of near desperation. Francisco's intensity as a singer and as an actress is underscored by the focus he gives to her role.

As critics note:

"In interpretive terms, the show's primary coup rests with the hefty [in every sense] Bloody Mary of Sheila Francisco, who positions the role well away from the roly-poly comic relief presented by Bertice Reading in the show's last London revival."—Variety Magazine;

"The highlight of the show is Sheila Francisco's gleefully opportunistic Bloody Mary, a round ball of a woman who can easily out-fleece the troops."—Footloose;

"Sheila Francisco is a comic and pathetic dynamo of emotions in good voice."—Evening Standard;

"Sheila Francisco, as wide as she is tall, offers great entertainment value and steals the show."—The Telegraph.

Play on government corruption tours public offices

From page E1

She comes to work on time, cleans up her desk by 5 p.m., and does not take a bribe. This diligence and honesty stir animosity among her coworkers who see their sources of income dwindling away. A few phone calls from the powerful get Cely's bosses on her back. Friend, colleague and superior alike alternately sweet-talk or threaten her into abiding by the rules of the game. It doesn't help that Cely's mother is sick, and the grease money is more than enough to pay for the hospital bills.

At the climax of Malou Jacob's "Anatomiya ng Korupsiyon," the audience waits with bated breath as Cely struggles as to whether or not she'll make her painful, lonely stand or throw in the towel and join the crowd.

A few years ago, Tanghalang Pilipino's (TP) production of the dramatic piece stirred many hearts and provoked a lot of discussion among the audience. The material was so gritty, downright realistic that one could not help but react to the all-too-familiar scenes: late employees asking their buddies to punch in the Bundy clock for them; envelopes being passed left, right and center; snores coming from what should have been busy desks at the middle of the day; and the top boss himself in the office smooching to the plaintiffs with the biggest moneybags.

For the next six months, starting this May, Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) artistic director Nanding Josef hopes that the play will light a few thought-provoking matches—of hope, outrage and conviction—as it tours several government offices across the country. From late May to June, the aptly titled "Anatomiya ng Korupsiyon" is tentatively scheduled to perform at the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Public Works and Highways, the Office of the Ombudsman and the Department of Finance (Customs and Bureau of Internal Revenue), among others. And that is the just the beginning.

Directed by Dennis Marasigan (the better half of Irma) and performed by the TP ensemble, "Anatomiya" had already stirred a hornet's nest of discussion when it performed at the anniversary of the Department of Budget and Management last April. The company deliberately held an open forum at the penultimate scene, right after Cely's dilemma and before the scene showing her ultimate decision. TP cast and crew came out to the audience and asked them: "How should we end the play?"

To say that the reactions were mixed, intense and conflicted were an understatement. Josef, who was in the audience along with the agency's managers, supervisors and rank and file, said that the material obviously hit home.



GEORGE de Jesus III, Ony de Leon, Irma Adlawan Marasigan, Len Ag Santos and Lambert de Jesus in Malou Jacob's comedy, "Anatomiya ng Korupsiyon"



ALLAN Paule and Irma Adlawan Marasigan



OPEN forum after performance: (from left) Chinggay Bernardo, CCP outreach head; director Dennis Marasigan, and actors Irma Adlawan Marasigan and Tito Tesoro

He says, "It was interesting to listen to these ordinary employees" who were the ones actually being depicted in the play. "There were some who rationalized the corruption, 'Ang hirap ng buhay.' Others reacted to this view by saying, 'Mahirap na nga ang buhay, ibebenta pa ba natin ang ating kaluluwa?'"

Even the CCP artists came under fire for showing "a play that seemed to show there was no hope. Some people questioned us for showing a production that didn't leave much to hope for. They asked how Cely was going to fight if it was obvious she was going to lose. Again, there were others who stood up saying, 'But if we all stop fighting, walang mangyayari. Do we want to leave our country like that, kung saan tanggap lang ng tanggap ng payola at tulog lang ng tulog ang iba,

while we are being paid by the people's money?'"

The debate led to one bitter-sweet revised ending. The original script had Cely making one last valiant stand. Instead, the TP cast members acted on the audience's suggestion that an element of hope be introduced and improvised for several minutes. The new ending had one of Cely's coworkers, an old woman, coming to her side.

"The scene reinforced what some of them were saying, that while there's one person with integrity, there's hope."

Josef muses, "In one year, I'd like to find out how many government offices, after seeing the play, will have that kind of realization, and how many people will hold on to that little bit of hope."

By his own admission, the new artistic director is an "idealist"

who wants to see the theater art cross beyond the proscenium and make an impact where the people, its true audience, actually live in and work. Prior to his CCP appointment, Josef nurtured the young scholars of the Philippine High School for the Arts, encouraging them to dig deep into their Pinoy roots and immerse themselves in the often-neglected wealth of Filipino art and culture. He still looks back with affection at the good old '80s when CCP broke out of its elitist image and created arts councils in every region where the people can discover and develop their own talent in painting, sculpture, music, theater, literature and dance. He intends to bring some of that aspect back to CCP in the next few months.

Yet, art by itself cannot stand alone. The message, especially that voiced by "Anatomiya," is equally vital in nation-building. Josef says, "I've not given up on the campaign to improve the values of the people. All the problems of our society—the economy, the political stability, the rallies—they all have different causes but you can trace them to values. Of the thinking *na kung may makukuha ka para sa sarili mo, kukuha ka*. From a simple *empleyado* to a top official. The usual root of any problem is that attitude which is everywhere, from the family to the government institutions. So why not present the play to those very institutions that are perceived to have that problem of corruption?"

Josef adds that some of the government agencies list on the tours were the ones that contacted the CCP of their own accord. "You see," he smiles, "there may be a solution, after all."

Tanghalang Pilipino's production of "Anatomiya ng Korupsiyon" starts its tour at the Department of Social Welfare and Development on May 23. Call Irene Rada at 832-1125.



"WITH the Adjudicators": Back row, from left, Mariel Sayuno, Samantha Santos, Dame Margaret Scott, D.B.E., Simon Crowther, Kate Gelvoria, Roberta Anonas and Miriam Madamba. Middle row, from left, Katrina Zoleta, Catrina Yang and Rica Jose. Front row, (kneeling) from left, Julianne Sim and Tanya Aritao.

Manila ballet school wins in Australia

ECOLE De Ballet, Manilla, a school of classical and contemporary dance, won trophies in the ensemble categories in the Australian Conservatoire of Ballet (ACB) Lance Awards and International Dance Festival 2002 recently at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Center in Melbourne, Australia.

Ballet dancers Rica Jose, Mariel Sayuno, Catrina Yang, Samantha Santos, Tanya Aritao, Katrina Zoleta, Kate Gelvoria, Miriam Madamba and Roberta Anonas won first place for "Garland Waltz," in the intermediate ensemble category, and third place for "Paraiso" in the senior ensemble category.

"Garland Waltz" was choreographed by Ecole Manille's artistic director Nina Anonas de Santos and "Paraiso" was a specially commissioned piece choreographed by Jojo Lucila. De Santos trained and coached the Ecole Manille team.

The dance festival and awards brought together ACB-affiliated schools from Melbourne, Queensland, Japan and the Philippines. Dame Margaret Scott, D.B.E. and Simon Crowther adjudicated.

The competition was preceded by a four-day workshop from April 17-20, where the competitors were instructed in various ballet technique, points, variations, repertoire, modern ballet and character dance classes by Christine Walsh, A.M., David Ashmore, A.R.A.D., Simone Clifford, Galina Logoveeva, Gabrielle Davidson, Kerrie McArthur and Alida Segal.

The festival was organized by the ACB head, Christine Walsh, former principal dancer of the Australian Ballet and recipient of the Australian Day Award as a member of the Order of Australia for her contribution and services to ballet.

The next ACB Dance Awards will be held in 2004.

Studio to teach flamenco dancing

THE FUNDACION Centro Flamenco has opened its studios on the fifth floor of a building on Kalayaan Avenue.

With flamenco being very much a woman's dance, the moving spirits behind the foundation are naturally women. The Board of Trustees and officers include Tererit Tambunting Liboro, chair; Emma Estrada, president; and Cecile Carreon-de Joya, Tats Manahan, Gina Jane Grey, Perla Primicias and Jay Valencia-Glorioso, trustees.

Spanish Ambassador Tomas Pantoja was guest of honor during the studio's inauguration. Also present were Marco Zabaleta of Agencia EFE and Javier Galvan, director of Instituto Cervantes.

An international cast of dancers from various dance studios in Ma-

nila demonstrated different styles of flamenco. Japanese, Korean and Malaysian *flamenqueras* joined local artists Tats Manahan, Gina Jane Grey, Betsy Tuason, Emma Estrada, Cecile de Joya, Mayet Jamilla, Sylvia Jacinto and Erlinda Gamboa, supported by dancers Erich Edralin, Angel Pangilinan and Guillermo Gomez in *malagueñas*, tangos, *sevillanos* and *zapateados* to the rhythm of clicking *castañets* and guitar music.

Other guests were Francis and Maryanne Lumen, Cookie Guerrero, Christine Leeman, Reslyn Lagdameo, Christopher Belknight, Nena Elizalde and Marianne Zapanta, among others. Gemma Suzara was dressed in a flounce skirt in honor of the occasion. Gaudi restaurant of Chito and Sandra Cacho prepared the hors d'oeuvres.



CECILE de Joya



DEATH-DEFYING act



CIRCUS as never before

'Moulin Rouge' as ballet and circus

IT'S circus as you've never seen it before—all the tinsel and the fireworks, the tricks and the treats, death-defying acts and precision stunts, as well as a dazzling display of dance and drama.

Star City's grandiose dance-theater spectacle, "Can-Can" follows the successful "Belen," presented last Christmas. Like its predecessor, Circus de Ballet's "Can-Can" opened to an enthusiastic, sellout crowd on Easter and continues to draw a full house with every performance.

Lisa Macuja-Elizalde, Ballet Manila's artistic director who is also at the helm of the extravagant production, said, "We are very pleased at the kind of audience we get."

Circus de Ballet was created last year as an artistic collaboration between the internationally acclaimed artists of Ballet Manila and the country's top-rated circus performers. It had a runaway hit in "Belen."

The new production is the artistic concept of Star City's big boss himself, Fred J. Elizalde. BM's principal danseur, Osias Barroso Jr., choreographed and directed a half-hour extravaganza bursting with music, color and excitement.

Using the enduring theme of good's triumph over evil, "Can-Can" is the story of an Egyptian princess and her lover who, guided by a fairy, break through

the barriers of time and space to preserve their love from being destroyed by a malevolent suitor.

"There's a lot of pomp and pageantry," Macuja-Elizalde said.

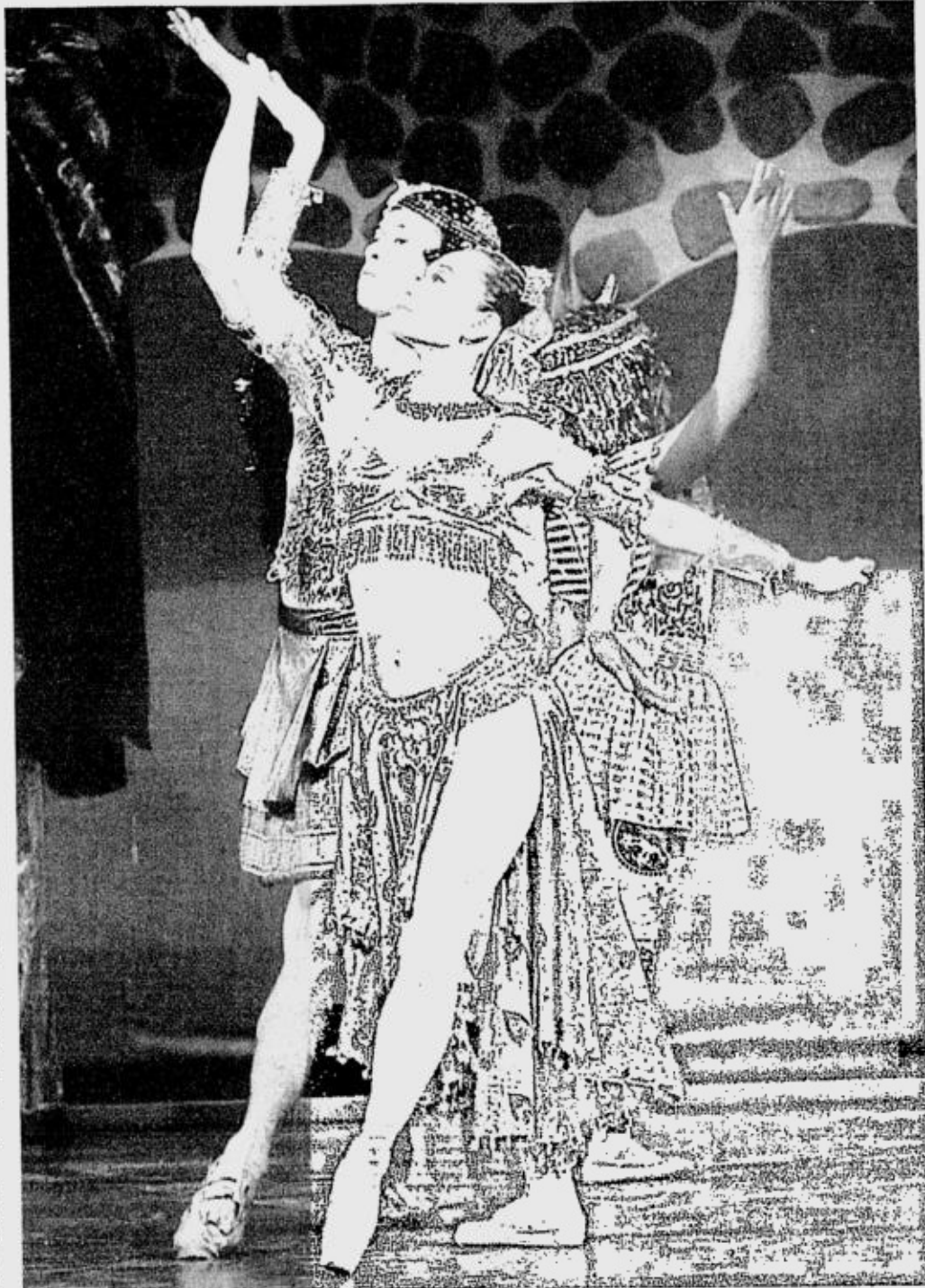
The show has jugglers, acrobats, fire-eaters, magicians, contortionists and trapeze artists. It closes in gay Paris with the "Can-Can."

For a touch of local color, a character from Filipino mythology—a beautiful and benevolent *diwata*—has been added to the production. The role of this gentle but courageous fairy with a golden voice is alternately played by Prime Music's young songbirds Toni Gonzaga, Yamani and Rea Valle.

The lead roles of the Egyptian princess and her lover are danced by Ballet Manila's Lisa Macuja-Elizalde (with Melanie Motus alternating) and Jeffrey Espejo, with Eduardo Espejo as the evil suitor.

For the show, Ballet Manila fans will get to watch Macuja-Elizalde dance and hear her sing as well. She sings a few lines from a love song inspired by "I Have Dreamed" as her character swears undying love to her handsome consort.

Circus de Ballet's "Can-Can" goes onstage every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening until June at the Star Theater, located inside Star City at the CCP Complex, Pasay City. Admission is free to all park and ride-all-you-can ticket holders. Call 832-0307.



BALLET Manila's Liza Macuja-Elizalde as an Egyptian princess and Jeffrey Espejo as her consort



PRECISION stunt



HOT performance

World-class ballet in Intramuros Evenings

"INTRAMUROS Evenings Performing Arts Series" presents the Quezon City Ballet of the Halili-Cruz School of Ballet in "Celebration of Dance," on May 17, Friday, 6:30 p.m. at the Puerta Real Gardens. The one-hour program includes classical—"Pas de Quatre," "Les Troyennes," "Fairies," "Pizzicato Polka," "Cupid," "Bach to Three"; neoclassical—"Only If," "Anywhere Is"; and modern—"She Bangs," "Let's Get Loud," as well as stylized Filipino suites choreographed by Anna Balmadrid and Shirley Halili-Cruz—"Katuwaan sa Salakot," "Pamaypay ng Maynila," "Bulaklakan," "Itik-itik," choreographies to OPM—"Tanging Yaman," "Magkatuwaan," and new choreographies—"Padayaw" by Tony Fabella, "Valse Brillante" by Grace Garalde.

Halili-Cruz School of Ballet is an affiliate of the American Academy of Ballet in New York and the Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing in Australia and Singapore. It is the first ballet school to be granted 26 scholarships to the American Academy of Ballet Summer School of Excellence in New York. Its most recent achievement is winning all the first prizes in Classical, Neoclassical, National, Character, Demi-character, Jazz and Modern dance categories in both the 3rd Asia Pacific Dance Competition in Singapore and the Festival of Dance in Perth, Australia, last year.

"Intramuros Evenings" is a public service presentation of the Department of Tourism and Intramuros Administration. Admission is free. Call 527-2961 or 527-3138.

Former SC justice named NBS author of the month

JUSTICE Florenz Dolendo Regalado is National Bookstore's author of the month.

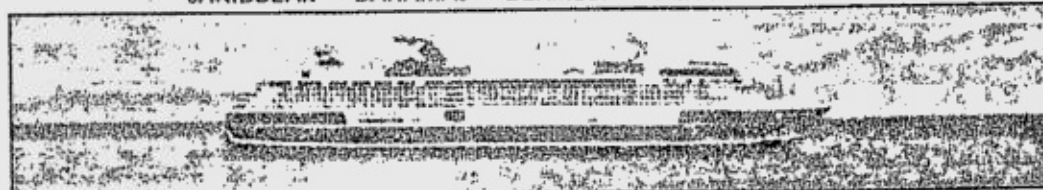
Regalado has written several law books, several of which are prescribed reading in law schools today.

Graduating magna cum laude from the San Beda College of Law in 1954, Regalado topped the Bar examinations that year with an average of 96.7 percent. He obtained his Master of Laws degree from the University of Michigan on a full fellowship grant in 1963. His involvement in the academe includes being a law professor in his alma mater and a pre-Bar reviewer in Criminal and Remedial Law in many law schools for over 30 years.

He also served as dean of the San Beda

College of Law and president of the Philippine Association of Law Schools. He was conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa. As a commissioner of the 1986 Constitutional Commission, his most notable contributions to the drafting of the fundamental charter may be found in the articles on the executive and judicial departments. He was appointed associate justice of the Supreme Court in 1988 and served for more than 10 years. His book "Remedial Law Compendium," Volumes I and II, has been published for 30 years and was the first law publication of National Bookstore. His most recent work, "Criminal Law Conspectus," is also a prescribed textbook in many law schools.

CARIBBEAN - BAHAMAS - BERMUDA - ALASKA - CANADA



MEXICO - PANAMA CANAL - HAWAII - EUROPE - NEW ZEALAND - AUSTRALIA

SUMMER CRUISE SPECIAL!

7-Night Mediterranean

Sailing Dates: 07, 14, 21 & 28 July 2002
04, 11, 18 & 25 August 2002

Itinerary: Barcelona • Villefrance • Livorno
• Civitavecchia (Rome) • Naples • Valletta • Barcelona

Onboard "Splendour of the Seas"

Cruise Only for as low as

\$959

1st / 2nd person on best
available standard
inside staterooms

Fly/Cruise Package for as low as

\$1,859

1st / 2nd person on best
available standard
inside staterooms

Cruise Only for as low as

\$1,344

1st / 2nd person on best
available standard
outside staterooms

Fly/Cruise Package for as low as

\$2,244

1st / 2nd person on best
available standard
outside staterooms

10/11 Night Ultimate Caribbean

Sailing Dates: 1, 12 & 22 July 2002

Itinerary: Fort Lauderdale • Key West • Cozumel

• Puerto Limon • Colon • Oranjestad • George Town • Fort Lauderdale

Onboard Celebrity's "Millennium"

Cruise Only for as low as

\$1,151

1st / 2nd person on best
available standard
inside staterooms

Fly/Cruise Package for as low as

\$2,401

1st / 2nd person on best
available standard
inside staterooms

Cruise Only for as low as

\$1,431

1st / 2nd person on best
available Deluxe Ocean-view
Stateroom w/ Veranda

Fly/Cruise Package for as low as

\$2,681

1st / 2nd person on best
available Deluxe Ocean-view
Stateroom w/ Veranda

7-Night Alaska Inside Passage

Sailing Date: 28 June 2002

Itinerary: Vancouver • Cruising Inside Passage • Juneau

• Skagway • Hubbard Glacier • Ketchikan • Cruising Inside Passage • Vancouver

Onboard Celebrity's "Infinity"

Cruise Only for as low as

\$1,229

1st / 2nd person on Deluxe
Ocean-view Stateroom
with Veranda

Fly/Cruise Package for as low as

\$2,109

1st / 2nd person on Deluxe
Ocean-view Stateroom
with Veranda

*All rates are subject to change without prior notice

Like no vacation on earth

Exceeding Expectations

Call your preferred travel agent or Royal Caribbean & Celebrity Cruises

Tel nos.: 894-3957 or 892-2701 to 03 or send your inquiries by Fax at 892-2790

4/5 Night Western Caribbean

Sailing Dates: 23 & 27 May 2002
10 & 20 June 2002

Itinerary: Fort Lauderdale • Key West • Cozumel
• Fort Lauderdale

Onboard "Monarch of the Seas"

Cruise Only for as low as

\$400

1st / 2nd person on best
available standard
inside staterooms

Fly/Cruise Package for as low as

\$1,650

1st / 2nd person on best
available standard
inside staterooms

Cruise Only for as low as

\$480

1st / 2nd person on best
available standard
outside staterooms

Fly/Cruise Package for as low as

\$1,730

1st / 2nd person on best
available standard
outside staterooms

7-Night Western Caribbean

Sailing Dates: 20 July 2002

Itinerary: Miami • Labadee • Ocho Rios • George Town
• Cozumel • Miami

Onboard "Explorer of the Seas"

Cruise Only for as low as

\$830

1st / 2nd person on best
available standard
inside staterooms

Fly/Cruise Package for as low as

\$2,080

1st / 2nd person on best
available standard
inside staterooms

Cruise Only for as low as

\$1,209

1st / 2nd person on best
available Superior Ocean-view
Stateroom w/ Balcony

Fly/Cruise Package for as low as

\$2,459

1st / 2nd person on best
available Superior Ocean-view
Stateroom w/ Balcony

Introducing...Island Cruises Onboard "Island Escape"

Mediterranean Essence

Sailing Date: Every other Tuesday from 26 March to 22 October 2002

Itinerary: Palma de Mallorca • Tunis • Civitavecchia • Portofino • Nice

• Barcelona • Palma de Mallorca

Mediterranean Spirit

Sailing Date: Every other Tuesday from 02 April to 29 October 2002

Itinerary: Palma de Mallorca • Valletta • Naples • Livorno • Toulon

• Mahon de Menorca • Palma de Mallorca

CRUISE ONLY RATE: (based on Twin-Sharing)

Mar 26-Jun 1

Jun 2-Aug 20

Aug 21-Oct 29

Inside Cabin

\$1,300.00

\$1,485.00

\$1,300.00

Outside Cabin

\$1,575.00

\$1,755.00

\$1,575.00

Inclusions: Chartered flight from Gatwick to Palma & vice versa, transfers between the resort airport (Palma) and cruise terminal, gratuities & port charges are included.

*Inclusions: Roundtrip economy airfare (for Fly/Cruise), cruise accommodation, all onboard meals and entertainment.

e-mail: rycaribbean@regent.com.ph visit our websites: www.royalcaribbeanphil.com & www.celebritycruisesphil.com

Like no vacation on earth

Royal Caribbean International

Call your preferred travel agent or Royal Caribbean & Celebrity Cruises Tel nos.: 894-3957 or 892-2701 to 03 or send your inquiries by Fax at 892-2790



CECILE Licad receiving a standing ovation at the Silangan Gardens of Antipolo in 1995. She will have a concert in Davao in June.

Summer rediscoveries: The arts thrive in Antipolo and Davao

By Pablo Tariman
Contributor

THERE was a time when Antipolo was synonymous with weekend with the arts. There were ballet, choral music and symphonic treats in the vicinity of Hinulugang Taktak. Then there were gorgeous receptions in the residence of famous neurologist Dr. Joven Cuanang, who kept one of the most beautiful gardens outside of Metro Manila.

But when politicians got more and more into the picture, the attractions at Hinulugang Taktak came to an abrupt end. Politics and pollution helped bury the arts and, with it, the famed Hinulugang Taktak where ballerina Tita Radaic once dreamed of staging "Giselle." However, private endeavors have kept the arts alive in Antipolo, and in this Grand Heights residence called Silangan Gardens where two art galleries thrive, the arts have returned with a vengeance.

Violinist Joseph Esmilla recently gave a stunning recital there. The choral group of Jerry Dadap paid tribute to Filipino nationalists.

It will also be recalled that Brazilian cellist Antonio Meneses and pianist Cecile Licad gave one of their last recitals as a duo in Antipolo, while their son Otavio debuted as stage hand by rewinding the imaginary key to soprano Lorna Llamas as she sang the "Doll Song" from "Fleidermaus".

Last week, the Silangan Gardens in Antipolo was again alive with the unveiling of an Elmer Borlongan painting depicting a scene from Antipolo's Maytime pilgrimage.

The pre-unveiling ceremony was itself a special treat. Dance Forum artists Myra Beltran, Katherine Sanchez and Donna Miranda rendered improvised dance pieces.

Because of private initiatives, culture and the arts are alive and well outside of Manila

The most touching part was Beltran's solo to a haunting piano and cello music. Her every moment was attuned to the music in the finale, clasping her hands and with her head tilted to the floor, Beltran let loose an artistry of the consummate and delicate kind.

Before her part, flutist GJ Herman Gomez was in his element in the unaccompanied Bach Partita and Gluck's "Dance of the Blessed Spirits."

After the unveiling of the Borlongan piece, artists were all over the Silangan Gardens. As the teen soprano Charlotte Church was cooing "Pie Jesu", art lovers were also feasting on the outdoor sculptures of Juan Alcarazen, Dan Ralario and Reggie Yuson. They caught a glimpse of the eternal beauty of Gilda Codrero Fernando. Writer Joan Maglipon was heady with admiration at the works and wondered if her writer's fees would allow her financial access to the works of Riel Hilario, Jim Orenco, and Irwin and Tony Leano.

As National Artist for Music Andrea Veneracion and I were pondering over the future of San Miguel Philharmonic and the San Miguel Master Chorale, the art connoisseurs were properly chastened by the provocative images of Kiko Escora's "Reverie". It was then that I bumped into Joey Ayala and told him I had a nice weekend chatting with her mom, poet Tita Lacambra Ayala, in Davao City recently.

Davao

The images that come to mind when I think of Davao City and Mindanao are choreographer Agnes Locsin and her ethnic dance triumphs; the poetry and music of Tita and Joey Ayala; the paintings of the Edadeses; Margie Moran Florendo and Marilou Diaz-Abaya collaborating on "Bagong Buwan;" Davao pianists John Peter Porticos and



ART exhibit at Davao City's MISC Art Gallery with curator Amelia Bonifacio and artists Lito Pepito and Bert Monterona

Daphne Jocson as soloists in the Rach 2 and Tchaikovsky concertos; and Pavarotti's teacher, Arrigo Pola, and piano prodigy Nena del Rosario performing at the Davao Puericulture Center in the mid-50s.

The art happening during my visit was the opening of the Araw ng Davao art exhibit at the SM Gallery mounted by MISC Art Gallery. There were 18 Davao artists in this exhibit, including Tita Lacambra Ayala, Lydia Ingle, Lito Pepito, Alan Obeso, Rogelio Paconla, Gilbert Miraflor and Rey Canencia.

The exhibit was curated by Amelia Bonifacio, who plays mother to both seasoned and promising artists of Davao.

Meanwhile, Margie Moran-Florendo is venturing into classical music by presenting pianist Cecile Licad in a solo recital at the Marco Polo Hotel on June 26 in an evening of Schubert, Liszt and Chopin.

Tita Ayala has not heard a pianist of Licad's caliber in Davao for many years. Her ears also long for the sound of cello (had I met her in the early '90s, I would have brought Licad and Meneses for her). Lydia Ingle owns a baby grand piano, which she said I could rent if we had problems with the piano for the performance.

What is astounding about Davao City is that it is peaceful and quiet despite smarting from the media glare cast on Mindanao because of the troubles in Basilan and Zamboanga.

Like it or not, Davao City is not just a place to savor *durian*, see the Philippine Eagle and smell a myriad flowers. It is a city ready for A-1 tourists.

Here's hoping Licad's Schubert and Chopin and Abaya's "Bagong Buwan" will help transform Mindanao into a place of lasting peace and sublime music.

'Illusione...Encore' holds auditions

BAHAGHARI Productions Inc. is bringing back the magic of Illusione. "ILLUSIONE...ENCORE!" will be shown at the newly opened Star Theater, Cultural Center of the Philippines Complex Aug. 16-18, 23-25, 30-31 and Sept. 1.

Bahaghari is inviting impersonators to try out for the new roles that will be added to the musical.

Margie Moran-Florendo, Bahaghari president, said that, to make the re-staging more exciting, new characters have been added.

Auditions for "ILLUSIONE...ENCORE!" will be held on May 19 (5-8 p.m.), May 25 (8:30-10 p.m.) and May 26 (5-8 p.m.) at Powerdance Studio in Shangri-La Mall. Interested parties are requested to bring their own tapes or CD's. Call 687-0990 or 687-1281.

TechnoMarine® PROFESSIONAL DIVING WATCHES



WWW.TECHNOMARINE.COM

TECHNOMARINE ENTERPRISES PHILIPPINES INC. TEL (632) 6363398 FAX (632) 6363399

RAFAEL JEWELLERY 2ND LEVEL, SHANGRI-LA EDSA MALL, EDSA COR. SHAW, MANDALUYONG CITY TEL 6363398

RAFAEL JEWELLERY MEZZANINE LEVEL, MAKATI SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, MAKATI CITY TEL 6363398 MY DIAMOND 2ND FLOOR

GLORIETTA 4, AYALA CENTER MAKATI CITY TEL 8172764 TIME PLUS 75 BRND. FLOOR

GREENHILLS THEATRE MALL TEL 7217868 WISH UNIT 121, SHANGRI-LA SHOPPING

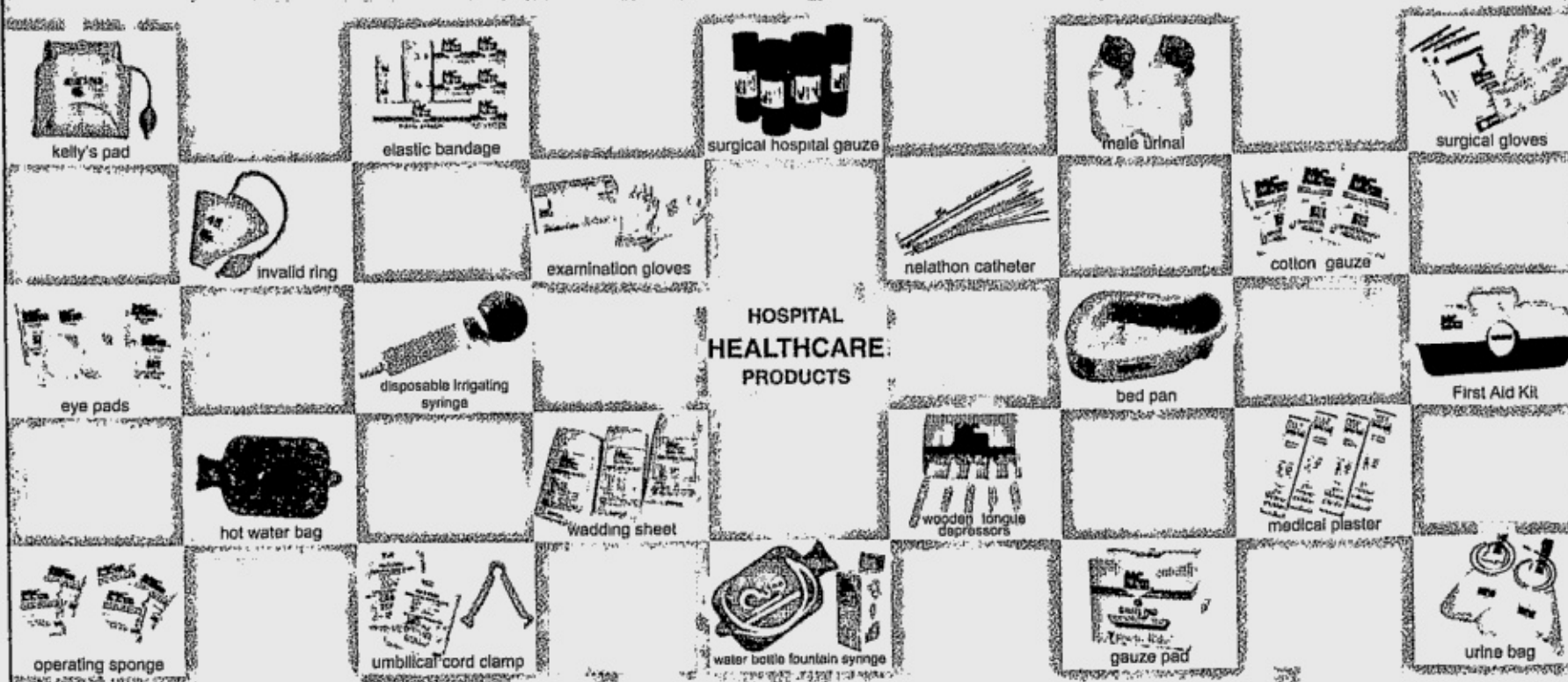
ARCADE, AYALA AVENUE 1226 MAKATI CITY TEL 8673850 WASHINGTON ROCKWELL R1 LEVEL,

POWERPLANT MALL, MAKATI CITY TEL 8982288

Helping is an attitude.

MC™
McBride
FAMILY
The One You Trust!

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU IS STRONGER THAN EVER.



**HOSPITAL
HEALTHCARE
PRODUCTS**

Distributed by:

medical center trading corporation

Pioneer St., cor. Shaw Blvd., Pasig City, Philippines

P.O. Box 7458 ADC-NAIA 1300 PHIL.

Fax (632) 631-7869 / 631-9349

E-mail: medcen@info.com.ph

Branches:

Pasig

Manila

Cebu

Davao

Iloilo

Lipa

Pampanga

Tel. 631-1715

Tel. 711-8374

Tel. (032) 254-2367

Tel. (082) 222-4404

Tel. (033) 320-1413

Tel. (043) 757-2051

Tel. (045) 981-7892



Available at all

Stores Nationwide



Sin glorified

By Fr. Joselito I. Jopson
Contributor

THIS is the first time for me to see Sin glorified."

These words came from the late Ninoy Aquino when he attended a big ecclesiastical affair in Jolo, Iloilo. And he was not in any way referring to "sin" that destroys life and morality. Rather, he was referring to a person who was a source of inspiration for many: Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin.

"The Happy Life of Sin: Seen from the Window of a Sinful Priest" is about the unabashed and profound life of Jaime Cardinal Sin as seen from the perspective of an insider, a member of Manila's finest clergy, Fr. Sid T. Marinay. He was editor-in-chief of the UST Journal of Theology and a section editor of the UST Varsitarian during his student days. He is the present parish priest of San Roque Parish in Sampaloc, Manila. Father Sid gives credence to the book when he calls himself "sinful" while narrating the holy prelate's life. His is a unique style in biography—not encyclopedia-style, not voice-of-God in approach, but an honest-to-goodness, down-to-earth presentation of his encounters with a friend and a father who has touched his life and saved his vocation to the priesthood.

This book is well written. The accounts are well researched. But what makes it really compelling is the way Father Sid breaks away from the barriers of space and time to enable the Cardinal's past to live in the present. He also uses the strategy of creative repetition, recalling some of the Cardinal's experiences and delivering new insights each time he mentions them. He imparts ageless lessons that inspired him while completing the book. Hopefully, these lessons would inspire others as well.

This is a welcome development in the history of writing biographies—an approach that switches the focus to meaning while maintaining truth and objectivity. Father Sid delivers to the readers what he feels is more important for life's journey. As he has been deeply touched by Cardinal Sin's life, so he desires to share with us the same experience by being familiar and being at home with the Cardinal, or "Father Jim" as he fondly calls him.

SIN/ p.F3

LIFESTYLE Books

UP, ATENEO, LA SALLE

College Entrance Test Review

VENUES: ALABANG, KATIPUNAN, GREENHILLS, ORTIGAS, MANILA, MAKATI



AHEAD TUTORIAL & REVIEW

426-0034 to 36 0917-8911187
www.ahead.com.ph

WHAT'S ON

AT ROBINSONS

PARLIAMENT SYNDICATE

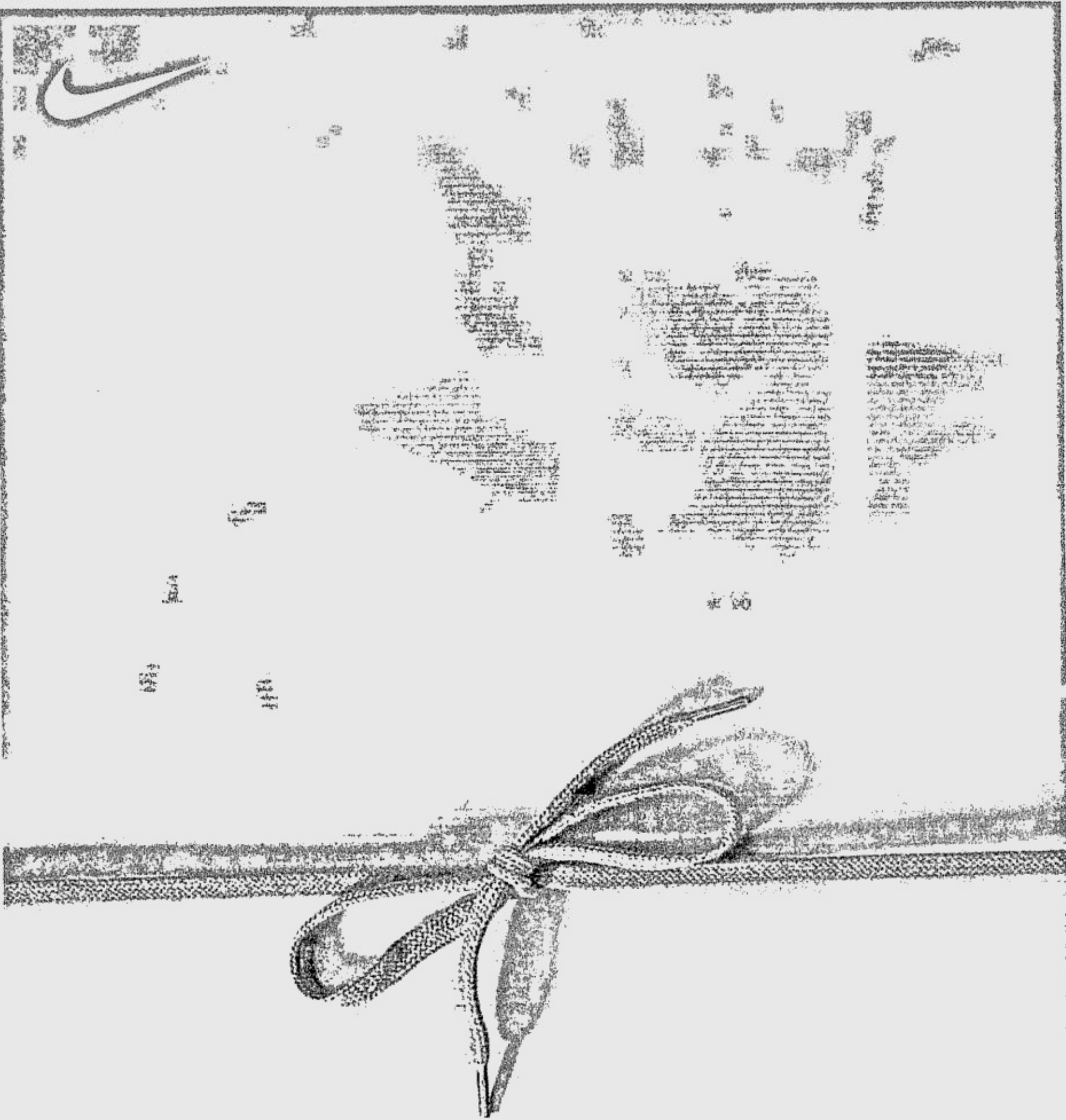
a new day mall tour

Fire up your afternoons with one of the hottest new bands in the local scene!

May 16, Thursday, 5pm
Orosa Atrium
Robinsons Place Manila

May 24, Friday, 5pm
Central Atrium
Robinsons Place Novaliches

May 31, Friday, 5pm
Plaza Robinsons
Robinsons Siamills Pampanga



The Nike sale.

Get huge discounts on shoes, shirts and must-have Nike stuff. Up to 50% off on marked products, 100% legit. No strings attached.
Sale dates: May 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26, 2002

Per DTI NCR Permit No. 1048, Series of 2002

Participating outlets:

Nike Stadium • SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City • Glorietta 4, Makati City • SM Bacoor, Cavite • Shengri-La Mall, Mandaluyong City • SM City, Cebu • Linketel Center, Cagayan de Oro • SM North EDSA, Quezon City • New Alabang Town Center, Muntinlupa • Isetan Recto, Manila • Pavilion Mall, Binang, Laguna • Rockwell Power Plant Mall, Makati City • Robinson's Metro East, Pasig • Nike Park • SM Fairview, Quezon City • Robinson's Galleria, Pasig • Glorietta 4, Makati City • Ayala Center Cebu, Cebu City • SM Manila, Manila • Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall, Cainta, Metro Manila • Robinson's Cebu, Cebu City • Robinson's Ermita, Metro Manila • Finwest Festival Supermall, Alabang • Robinson's Bacolod, Bacolod City • The Podium, Pasig • SM Southmall, Las Pinas • Nike Camp • Camp John Hay, Baguio City • Nike Zone • SM, Pampanga • Robinson's, Pampanga • Jennie Mall, Angeles City • Nike Hall • CSI City Mall, Dagupan City • Nike Mile • Magis Mall, Urdaneta City, Pangasinan • Nike Forum • Shoppesville, Greenhills • Nike Athletic Club • SM, Davao • Gaisano Mall, Davao • Nike Sportcenter • Atrium, Iloilo • SM, Iloilo • Robinson's, Iloilo • Nike Court • Lee Plaza, Dumaguete • Nike Sportshop • Plaza Mart City Mall, Bacolod City

GETAWAY
RESORTS & HOTELS GUIDE

Crystal Coast
A Place of Paradise
BOHOL GETAWAY 2002
3D/2N TRI-SHARING P3,750
CHOCHO HILLS & PANGLOD ISLAND TOUR
Mia: 634-2029 Main: (038) 411-3179
www.larsofgroup.com

Boracay Rainforest Resort
CELL# (0917) 3120123
SECLUDED WHITE SAND BEACH
Bachelor Package
\$690 a night/3 days
Avail Our Promo Package
Tel. 896-9456 to 58
Fax. 02-8969451
boracay@phitonline.com

Widely Widely
BEACH HOTEL
BORACAY

Ed's Place
CALLINIPIT RESORT
NO AVIATION HIGHWAY, BULACAN
711-7265 / 741-4480
10% DISCOUNT
ON THE LARGEST RESORT
IN CENTRAL LUN
ADULT - P800
CHILDREN - P400
FREE COCKTAILS
FOR RESERVATION CALL LARRY OR GRACE

Riverview
RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER
CALAMBA, LAGUNA www.riverview.com.ph
FAMILY GETAWAY
P 2,999 3D/2N
W/ FREE BREAKFAST
MLA OFC: 925-8858
TEL: (049) 545-1858/2112

Royal Palm
RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER
BAY, LAGUNA
SEMINAR PACKAGE P 780 / PAX
• COMPANY & FAMILY OUTINGS
• GARDEN WEDDING W/ CARROZA
MLA OFC: 531-3132 / 533-0693
TEL: (049) 249-3977

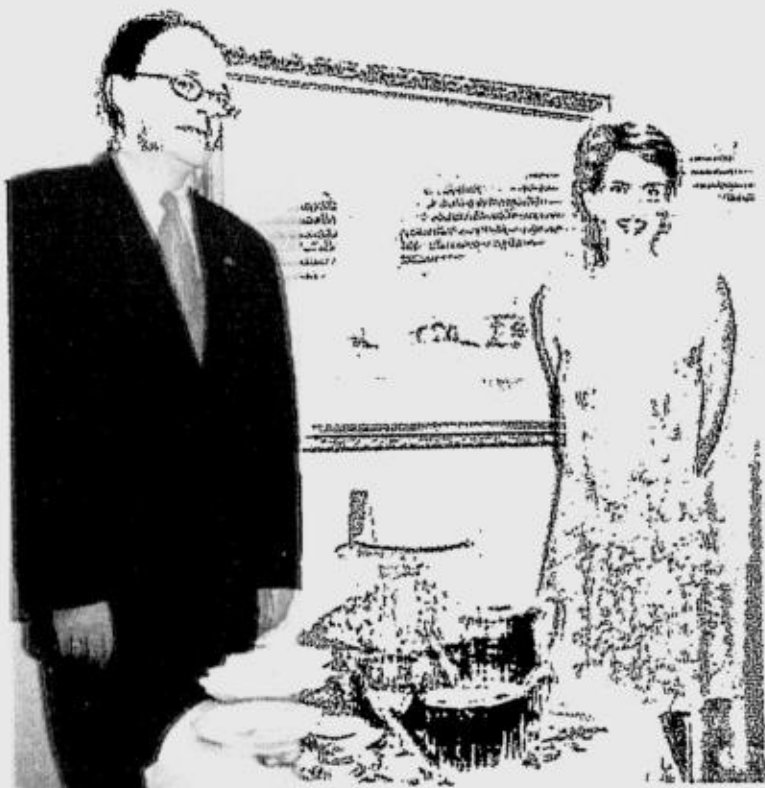
FOREST HILLS
VILLAGE RESORT
SUBIC BAY
CALL NOW & GET AS MUCH AS 50% OFF
TELEFAX: 725-0354
TEL: 726-2541
forhills@mail1.info.com.ph

LEGENDA
NORONTOVA SUBIC BAY TRIPWAT (ON LAGUNA)
TEL: (021) 732-9868
SUBIC SUMMER PROMO
P 2,650+
Inclusive of B'fast for 2
Promo Period: Ongoing until 31 May '02

WEEKEND FAMILY TREAT
ONLY P10 3,555++ SUNDAY STAY
W/ FREE BREAKFAST FOR FAMILY OF 4
526-1555 / 1-800-1888-5555
corp_sales@bayview.com.ph

BAYVIEW
PARK HOTEL
MANILA
"Your Home by the Bay"
Tel. No. (043) 4056957
CELL # 0917-8339239
• LUISITA, TARLAC PLAZA LUISITA MALL
Tel. No. (045) 9851770
CELL # 0917-8170866
• OR. MINDORO, HILIPINANA, CALAPAN CITY
Tel. No. (043) 2862624
CELL # 0917-820265

FAX: 817-3942
SALES & RESERVATIONS:
813-7523/813-8553
CELL #: 0917-888-1-800
Website: www.microtelinn.com
www.microtelph.com



MICHAEL Herrmann and Lizzie Zobel



SEN. Loren Legarda and Inter-Con GM Michael Herrmann



BIRGITTA Rosting and Lena Hakansson



JENNY Wallem, Carole Lee and Ashley Antonio



GAITA Fores



KOICHIRO Matsuura and Lisa Macuja-Elizalde



TESSIE Luz, Nena Casimiro, Susan Baumann, Letty Syquia, Fortune Ledesma and Nellie Bengson

PHOTOS BY BETOY JOHNSON

Celebrity tea setups and farewell to Susan Baumann

AN INTIMATE exhibit of favorite tea setups by celebrities is displayed at the lobby of the Hotel Inter-Continental. Running until May 19, the show, curated by **Albert Avellana**, launches the hotel's afternoon tea services offered at its Art Café and La Terrasse. Included in the display are **Lizzie Zobel's** silver and porcelain inherited from her ancestors, a set by **Gaita Fores**, and clean, pristine jade, glass and crystal objects of **Rachy Cuna**. You might enjoy your cucumber sandwiches while figuring out elements of style.

Mario Katigbak's set styled by **Ito** elicited a few wows. **Vicki Belo** said her presentation was inspired by a Parisian café's (it is styled by **Ivy** and **Cynthia Almarino**). **Joe Salazar's** set shows his love of fine embroidery. It contrasts with the more modern leanings of sculptor **Impy Pila-pil's** set. The teacups of **Jenny Wallem** came from her favorite foundation, the Entrepreneur Volunteer Assistance (EVA) Charity Foundation Inc., which promotes the creative efforts of the Aetas of Zambales and Pampanga.

Jenny Wallem was there again, helping out at **Carole Lee's** resin-on-glass painting exhibit called "Life" at Le Souffle Restaurant. Beneficiaries of the exhibit were

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

the EVA Charity Foundation, My Zoo Volunteer Group Foundation, Cartwheel Foundation and Leukemic Indigents Fund Endowment. It's surprising that Carole's delicate art, which resembles stained glass so much, has as yet not been used in churches.

Friends of **Susan Baumann**, wife of Swiss Ambassador **Werner Baumann**, got together to tender a *despedida* lunch for her at **Letty Syquia's** house. Organizing the sendoff were **Tessie Luz**, **Nena Casimiro**, **Fortune Ledesma** and **Nellie Bengson**. Each hostess paid tribute to **Susie**, who returned the compliment and invited everyone to visit them in Switzerland. The couple and their staunch support for the arts will certainly be missed. Guests especially enjoyed the freshly baked *bibingka* and the *halo-halo*, items on the buffet that for sure can't be found in Switzerland.

The Philippines played host to a conference on global terrorism for three days this May, but there were some evenings of relaxation. At the Elizalde residence in Pasay, Vice President and Foreign Secretary **Teofisto Guingona** tendered a dinner for **Koichiro Matsuura**, director general of the Unesco. The Vice President was graciously assisted by the lovely **Lisa Macuja-Elizalde**, who organized the entertainment for the evening and ensured that everything was in tip-top order.

Congratulations to National Museum director **Cora Alvina** for having been awarded the Chevalier Dans L'Ordre des Arts et Lettres by the French Minister for Culture and Communication, **Catherine Tasca**, in recognition of her attempts to preserve and promote the artistic heritage of the Philippines.



EVIE Costa, Helen Ong, Lena Hakansson, Mariana Hubbard



VALENTINA Khmelitski, Clara Colesanti, Fortune Ledesma and Micheline Jess



KESSARA Arnold, Nellie Bengson and Ms. Hasan Sarmad



UNESCO director general Koichiro Matsuura, Philippine Unesco executive director Preciosa Soliven, Fred Elizalde and Stephen Hill.

A festive taste of Japanese culture



BAL Endriga, Lala Fojas and Saki Ramos



AMBASSADOR Anatoli Khmelitski



VIRGIL Reyes, Nonon Padilla and Elwood Perez



GILL Westaway, Kristopher McCahon and John Aloia

SHANGRI-LA Plaza Mall recently concluded a colorful celebration of Japanese art and culture where the mall's public had the rare chance to experience and learn more about the lighter side of Japan through a fabulous and enlightening Ikebana and Bonsai show; an exhibit of wonderful poster works by 40 of Japan's best graphic design artists; and the strong lineup of contemporary comedy films featured in this year's Eiga Sai Film Festival.

The series of cultural events were held with the Japan Foundation Manila Office (JFMO), the Ikebana International Manila Chapter 108, the Ikenobo-Ikebana Society and the Philippine Bonsai Society.

The Ikebana International Manila Chapter 108 opened with the traditional lighting of the *sulo* (torch) by former senator **Helen Benitez**, **Mme. Myriam Ara**, wife of the Japanese ambassador, and **Lala Fojas**, Shangri-La Plaza general manager. Assisting them were Ikebana president **Evangeline Cheng**, former Ikebana president **Kazuko Zenarosa** and exhibit chair **Ma. Antonia Hubilla**.

Also present were Ikenobo president **Serapion Metilla** and Bonsai Society president **Willie Hahn**.

At the opening of Eiga Sai 2002, filmmakers, film enthusiasts and members of the diplomatic corps trooped to the mall's cinema for the opening film, **Toshihiro Tenma's** "Many Happy Returns," based on the successful novel, "Many Happy Returns," by **Beat Takeshi**, one of Japan's most popular comedians and talented film directors. Happy at the successful turnout were Japan embassy's information and cultural center director **Eichi Suzuki** and JFMO director **Motohisa Shimizu**. Present were film director **Elwood Perez**, Cultural Center of the Philippines chair **Baltazar Endriga**, the UP Film Center's **Virgie Moreno** and **Lali Lacaba**, the Department of Foreign Affairs' **Virgil Reyes**, British Council director **Gill Westaway**, stage director **Nonon Padilla** and the US embassy's **John Aloia** and **Kristopher McCahon**.



LALA Fojas, Ambassador Yoshihisa Ara and Motohisa Shimizu



RACHY Cuna, Vangie Cheng and Joan Ong

At the poster exhibition opening, guests got a refreshing visual delight of Japanese-designed posters while enjoying Japanese buffet treats. The ribbon cutting ceremony was led by Ambassador **Yoshihisa Ara**. Seen were Russian Ambassador **Anatoli** and **Mme. Valentina Khmelitski**, the Saturday Group's **Magoo Valencia** and **Frank Verano**, Metropolitan Museum's **Ken Esguerra**, **Willi Hahn** and the Japanese embassy's **Eichi Suzuki** and **Yuko Yaguchi**.



HELENA Benitez leading the sulo-lighting ceremonies.

Sin glorified

From page F1

Humorous Cardinal

Father Sid recounts humorous events in the Cardinal's life. This may be disturbing to those who expect their religious authorities to look the part. He shows the apparent contradictions and the most human inconsistencies of the highest prelate of Manila. He explains, "Such an approach is quite effective in its attempt to depict a postmodern Cardinal."

Caricatures of the Cardinal are intriguing and at the same time amusing. A picture shows Cardinal Sin's head on top of a donkey's body. Another picture shows the young Father Jim alone with a beautiful woman in his private room. Another shows the Cardinal and former President Erap putting on their boxing gloves as they prepare for a fight. These illustrations may disturb readers at first glance. But they also compel them to read the entire chapter to see the deeper meaning behind the drawings.

The chapter titles also catch our attention: "His Grace, the Santa Claus," "Venial Sin," "Sin Offering," and "Prince Jim on the Run." There are 13 chapters in this book, and one wonders whether this is done intentionally to agitate those superstitious about the unlucky number.

However, underneath every humorous iconography is a serious message worth pondering. We gradually realize that without the Cardinal's interventions, our country would be far worse than what it is today. We realize that despite the misconceptions about the Cardinal and even the condemnations hurled against him, he has been right all along. We become convinced that Cardinal Sin is well guided by the Holy Spirit.

The Cardinal's life is filled with sufferings and sadness, but his love for God and loyalty to the Church have served as strongholds against the collapse of the country in several points of

its history. He was the right spiritual leader when corruption was at its peak. The Blessed Mother who interceded and cured him from his asthma continues to stay with him to guide him as he discerns what is best for the people of God, especially the poor. His positive energy radiates to Father Sid's life and the life of the whole country as well. This book is a marriage of the human and divine in a harmonious unity.

Sinful author

This book is reflexive in its approach. To be reflexive means that the author is not manipulating the reader's psyche by imposing his own thoughts. On the contrary, Father Sid opens doors for the readers to formulate their own reflections. Actually, the book is more of a journey of the sinful author, Fr. Sid Marinay. Many times, after he narrates the Cardinal's episode, he shares his own struggles, his joys, his weaknesses, and his very person. He writes that the Cardinal practically saved his priesthood; he brought him back to life.

I am particularly touched with the way the reality of the priesthood is presented in this book, in stark contrast with the way priests are lambasted in the media today. Father Sid brought out the realities that matter to him and to any person, most especially, priests—love, commitment, prayer, humility, sacrifice, and pure and simple happiness. In a reflexive documentary, the Cardinal becomes not an object to be explored but a real live subject who invites us to enter his world.

One would expect the merging of the Cardinal's world with the reader. His humanity, its joys and sorrows, blends with the reader who struggles with his or her own meaning in the world, whether he or she is a religious or a lay person, single or married, student or adult.

Happy priest

When everything else has been said about the Cardinal, when all his accomplishments have been acknowl-

edged, Father Sid says that only one achievement will constitute the core that is Cardinal Sin. Quoting from the book: "When asked how he wants to be remembered, the Cardinal replied readily, like a boy scout, without hesitation, 'As a happy priest,' with his cherubic smile and typical Sin grin—mischievous."

Father Sid continues: "If there is one thing that the Cardinal has noticed that seems to be lacking in many men and women today, especially the young, it's an enthusiasm for life. Apparently, many of us mortals have lost our sense of humor and perspective in the black quagmire of responsibilities, ambitions, drive, and commitments. We have become numb, forlorn, gloomy, despondent, apathetic, and very much lacking in compassion. Instead of looking at it with awe, we take life for granted."

To all these, the Cardinal has one answer to reflect on: his love affair with life. His intense passion for living for God and for others has been his message for all of us, especially for the youth. The way he leads his life has been a reminder for all of us of how precious and how short life's adventure really is."

Reading a biography could sometimes be tedious. Not with Father Sid's book. It comes from a heart that pours out to others and expresses a sense of gratitude to "Father Jim" who just wants to be remembered as a "happy priest." The reader can find solace and be at home in a book such as this.

"The Happy Life of Sin: Seen from the Window of a Sinful Priest" by Fr. Sid T. Marinay will be launched on May 14, at 5 p.m., at Villa San Miguel, Mandaluyong City. A mass presided by Bishop Soc Villegas precedes the book launching.

The author is the executive director of the Catholic Mass Media Awards and minister of the Ministry of Social Communications

SPIDEY SHOES

AVAILABLE AT SELECTED SHOE STORES NATIONWIDE

SM DEPARTMENT STORE

IMMAGINNI • GIBHOUSE

MAVEL SPIDER-MAN COLUMBIA PICTURES

New story collection by Hidalgo

MILFLORES Publishing Inc. has released "Ang Musika ng Gabi at Iba Pang Istorya," a collection of twelve new short stories in Filipino by Antonio A. Hidalgo.

Some of the stories won prizes in national contests like the 2001 Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature and the 2000 NVM Gonzalez Literary Awards. Others will be included in the forthcoming 1999 and 2000 fiction anthologies of the UP Creative Writing Center and the UP Press.

One of the stories, "D Mny Txts of Luv," is written entirely in texting language and is the first such story to be published in the country, and perhaps in the world. Fittingly, it has been published first in Metro Manila, the world's texting capital.

A large variety of characters drawn from all the strata of Philippine society people Hidalgo's stories, characters who are caught up in the crises of their existence and who enrich our lives by sharing with us their feelings and thoughts as they struggle to attain human dignity and authenticity.

The author's gift for understanding the unique Filipino human condition and for verisimilitude have resulted in a remarkable col-



lection of truly Filipino stories that cut to the core of our complex lives and have little, if any, Western influences. But parochial they are not, for the stories are woven from a modern and penetrating world view honed during the author's 15 years of living and working in several countries in different regions abroad as a senior international civil servant.

The stories have been written in the National Language to better capture and render to a wider audience the fragmented realities that are often the source of conflict in our daily lives.

Hidalgo has dedicated the book to all those who helped him learn to write in Filipino, a journey that he embarked on only when he was in his fifties, after having worked and written for almost all his life in the English language.

"Ang Musika ng Gabi at Iba Pang Istorya" is available at National, Powerbooks, Goodwill and Bibliarch stores at P340 per copy.

Close

From page F4

Coinciding with Father Reuter's 86th birthday celebration, "Word in the Street" will be launched on May 20 at the AIM Conference Center in Makati. Guest performances include the Ateneo Glee Club and Anna Tirol of the wondrously inspirational "I Need A Miracle" album.

Proceeds of the sale of the books will benefit the two favorite advocacies of Father Reuter—the CMMA and the Our Lady of Peace Hospital at the Coastal Road, Paranaque City.

"Word in the Street" is available at Bookmark and at the CMMA office, 5/F Dominga Building, 2113 corner Pasong Tamo and De la Rosa Streets, Makati, tel. 812-1833, 892-4779, and 867-4026.

Get this sexy body!

8 See results in weeks or less!

Only Bioessence has the revolutionary Firming Treatment to help you get the body image you've been dreaming of. In 8 weeks or less, you can already see encouraging results. That is, a **FLATTER** and **FIRMER** stomach than before. So you can start flaunting a sexier and more confident you.

THE TREATMENT:

The **ULTRASONIC FIRMING TREATMENT** induces a movement of the conjunctive tissue thereby decongesting the hardened and hypersensitive regions where idle fat is wrapped in the area. As a result, it unblocks the circulation allowing blood and oxygen to flow freely to the cellulite tissue that will enhance the reduction of fat.

Bioessence facialhaus

skin • slimming • spa

WEST AVE. 888 Convent Bldg., West Ave., Q.C. 374-2931 372-2649	CAINTA: 3rd Level, Phase 3, Sta. Lucia East Grand Mall 881-7339 881-5310	LAS PIÑAS: Step Back, Pampanga Park, Zapote Road, Las Piñas City 872-2341 / 873-1326	CAINTA: G/F Phase 2 Sta. Lucia East Mall 846-0450 / 645-6766
GREENBELT: G/F UPL Tower Condominium 112 Legaspi St., Legaspi Village 813-3601 813-3617	SM MEGAMALL: G/F Bldg. 2, SM Megamall 634-3310 634-3311	LIPA: 2/F Plaza World Mall, Mansueto, Lipa City (043) 404-1726 (043) 404-1727	MAKATI: 2/F Gold Crest Bldg., Makati Commercial Complex 812-8552 / 817-2826
SM SOUTHMALL: Unit 10 Lower G/F, SM Southmall, Las Piñas 806-5951 806-5943	SM BACOOR: Lower G/F, SM Bacoor (046) 502-3568 (046) 571-1536	PAMPANGA: Queensland Commercial Plaza, Mangaya Village, San Fernando, Pampanga (045) 961-1876 (045) 961-1887	BINONDO: 9C5 State Investment Center, Juan Luna St., Binondo, Manila 242-0621 / 242-2631
DAVAO: Circumferential Rd., Marfori Heights, Davao City (082) 226-2305 (082) 224-0361	SM FAIRVIEW: Lower G/F, SM Fairview 419-7548 419-7552	ZAMBOANGA: Nurez St., Zamboanga City (062) 992-3002 (062) 992-6388 to 89	ANGELES: 2/F BPI Arcade, Napomart, Angeles City (045) 987-0391 / (045) 323-5952
			TARLAC: Unit 263 2/F, Anika Bldg., Zamora St., San Roque, Tarlac City (045) 982-5289 / (045) 800-0541

HOTLINE: 410-7097

A member of citigroup

Get a loan in less time than it takes to cook sinigang.

Loan-on-Phone through Citibank. Tawag na sa 423-3333 and get approval in 15 minutes.

Citibank Installment Loan. Give us a call (from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm Monday to Saturday and 8:30 am to 5:30 pm Sunday), answer a few questions and we'll take care of the rest including delivering the loan proceeds to you. Borrow from P15,000 up to P1,000,000. No collateral required. Your monthly income may be as low as P10,000 (2001 ITR needed). Initially available in Metro Manila, Cavite, Laguna, Bulacan and Rizal Province. Terms and Conditions apply.

100
YEARS IN THE
PHILIPPINES

citibank

ATENEO Glee Club



Close encounters with Father Reuter

TWO GENERATIONS of Filipinos remember him as teacher, coach, director, counselor and friend.

Blessed with many talents and a great amount of physical and spiritual energy, Fr. James B. Reuter has touched the lives of numberless boys and girls, opening the joys of artistic self-expression to various groups of high school and college students. These boys and girls have now assumed positions of preeminence and leadership, in business and industry, in government and the arts, in practically every field.

As a tribute to Father Jim's 50 years work in Philippine mass media, the Catholic Mass Media Awards Foundation has published "Word in the Street," a compilation of his articles in his column at the Philippine Graphic magazine.

"Down to earth, inspired and inspiring. This is Father Reuter for me," says Bishop Soc Villegas. "Jesus is the Lord made flesh. Fr. Reuter is Jesus in Word and Flesh for me."

The influence of the Society of Jesus and of the Catholic Church on mass media and communications in the Philippines is due in no small measure to Father Jim's many writings in magazines and newspapers, his involvement in radio and television, and the production of many plays which have helped Filipinos appreciate the richness of their culture and religion.

Former Ateneo Glee Club and Ateneo Dramatics Society member Subas Herrero says he will be forever grateful to Father Reuter who, according to him, "was and still is a slave driver. His energy was boundless and seemingly inexhaustible. I feel that the best lesson I learned from him was the discipline that is required of us. This I applied in life, in the theater, and in my chosen profession."

Sr. Mary Sarah Manapol, SPC, says a short paragraph is not enough to contain what Father Reuter—whom she affectionately calls "Papa Bear"—means to her, her family and religious family. Says Sister Sarah: "Papa Bear, to me, is God's fatherliness and Jesus's kindness and compassion incarnate."

Celeste Legaspi, who is blessed for having painter Cesar Legaspi as her father, and the late National Artists Lino Brocka and Rolando Tinio as mentors, says "God truly generously loves me because I have a third exceptional father figure-mentor: Fr. James B. Reuter."

Says Jeanne Young: "Father Reuter has helped me view the struggles of life with kinder eyes. I love him with all my heart and soul even if he isn't a saint. But close to one in many ways."

To Natalie Palanca, Father Jim has been a spiritual adviser and like a real father to her and daughter Millete, who is now 36 years old. Natalie says the best advice he gave her in a moment of despair regarding her daughter, was "How much she hurts you is how much she loves you." "May Father live on forever," she says.

The vital and dynamic Father Reuter has been given the Magsaysay Award for Creative Communications, and John Paul II personally gave him an award for "courage and integrity in the presentation of Christian values in media."

CLOSE/ p.F3



JAMES Reuter, S.J. at 85

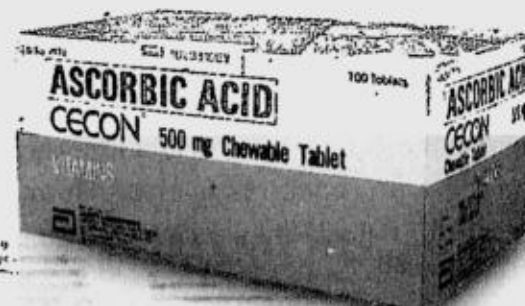
WHEN COLD AND
FLU VIRUSES ATTACK,
GET PROTECTED

CECON PROTECTED

Everyday, you are exposed to millions of viruses that cause colds, cough and flu. Protect yourself before they strike you. Chew CECON daily.

CECON is 500 milligrams of pure Vitamin C that helps protect you against cold and flu viruses. It's chewable that's why it's convenient and easy to take anytime, anywhere. No wonder more doctors prescribe CECON than any other Vitamin C tablet.

Make sure you're protected from colds, cough and flu with CECON.



Chew daily for protection.



ABBOTT LABORATORIES